

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

Vaccination Rollout Feedback

It has been very heartening to see the many messages of teachers getting their shot on social media, email and other communications. This makes us feel vindicated in all the effort expended to get teachers in SD43 to this place. Definitely some teachers have had unpleasant but temporary reactions to the vaccines but, a little discomfort initially is well worth the peace of mind of having had at least one shot. Teachers are reminded we still need to take care of ourselves and follow the safety protocols we've been following, even with one shot in. We certainly continue to be concerned with the increasing case counts, exposures, hospitalization, variants of concern in our communities. We continue to advocate for the small number of people Fraser Health still excludes from the vaccination priority for education workers here but, we have capacity now to pivot some advocacy to the situation and the responses of Fraser Health, the government and the employer. Know that we will continue to do that, as well as to help other locals struggling with their situation.

In Solidarity,
Ken

ELECTION OF THE 2021-2022 CTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following CTA Executive Committee positions will be filled at the
CTA Year End General Meeting Wednesday, May 12, 2021

- President
- First Vice President
- Second Vice President
- Local Reps to the BCTF (2)
- Members - at - Large (6)
- Member - at - Large who identifies as Indigenous (1)
- Member - at - Large who identifies as a person of colour (1)

Those interested in running for any of these positions should go to coquitlamteachers.com for a CV form,
members will not be able to run from the floor.

Deadline for receipt of CV form to the CTA office is 4 pm, Monday, May 3, 2021.

Please submit forms to padolf@cta43.org.

REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

May 5, 2021, 4:00 PM, Zoom

Meeting documents, links and protocols will be posted soon on the Member Resources/General Information page of the CTA Website.

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Ratification of Committee Appointments
3. President's Report
4. CTA Finance Update
5. Bargaining Update (In-Committee)
6. Labour Relations Update (In-Committee)
7. School Concerns
8. Prize Draw
9. Adjournment

TTOC APPRECIATION WEEK
MAY 3-7, 2021

WE  TTOCs



WE SUPPORT AND APPRECIATE OUR BC TTOCs

The first week of May (3rd – 7th) is TTOC appreciation week! We're asking all teachers to take a moment to reach out with an act of appreciation to any TTOCs that are at your school during the first week in May. The CTA TTOC committee is coordinating a scavenger hunt event for TTOCs to win prizes and get to know more of their colleagues, this will be promoted within our CTA TTOC FB group as well as in the CTA newsletter.

CTA

connections



The CTA Health Challenge is underway!

If you are looking for some fun and support to be more physically active, join the **CTA Health Challenge** with a team of 1-5 teachers. The health challenge is focused around being active and building healthy habits, but will never be about weight, what you should or should not eat, or any medical advice. It is about finding what works for each individual. [Sign up for the challenge here.](#)

Quiz nights on April 27th, May 19th, and June 24th.

In teams of no more than 5 your challenge is to answer a series of questions

on various general knowledge topics. For quiz nights, make sure each of your team members register so they receive the link to the Zoom. Register for quiz night [here](#).

Zoom paint nights with Zealous Art at 7pm on May 10th, and June 11th.

The cost of the instructor will be covered by the CTA, but attendees will need to provide their own supplies – a list will be provided in advance, [register here](#).

Registration for all events will be through Capacity for all events is limited so links CANNOT be shared, Registration will open two weeks before the date of the event.

PD POWER

I hope today's Indigenous Focus Day gave you time for good conversations and has left you with things to think about and consider for your future work. Thank you to the Indigenous Education department for all their work in organizing this day! After our February PD day this year we realized the wealth of knowledge available in the published works of our presenters. As a result, we are excited to announce the start of the CTA Lending Library, a small (but hopefully growing) collection of resources for teacher professional development. To borrow a book for the first time, email mcrawford@cta43.org and an account will be created for you. Books are loaned for six weeks (including mail bag travel time). Check out what is in our Lending Library by visiting <https://ctalibrary.libib.com/>.

The CTA Health Challenge is up and running...and walking...and biking...and doing yoga! If you'd still like to add a team, it's not too late – please email mcrawford@cta43.org with the names of yourself and your teammates (no more than 5 people) if you'd like to join the challenge.

The first CTA hosted paint night on Thursday was a ton of fun – thanks to everyone who came out and painted a butterfly! The next paint night is Monday, May 10th and we will be painting a black and white city scene! If you'd like to register for upcoming paint nights or team quiz nights, please email mcrawford@cta43.org (Include the names of your full team of up to 5 for quiz nights). - Meggan Crawford, CTA PD Chairperson



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PROUDLY PRESENT THE

SPRING CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2021
ATTEND FROM HOME OR AWAY

FEATURING

LEYTON SCHNELLERT
LIBERATING STRUCTURES TO DEEPEN LEARNING
FOSTERING SELF-REGULATED LEARNING

CORE FRENCH
KINDRA HARTE | TANYA CAMPBELL

SOCIO-EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIOUR
JAN PALMER | REGAN RANKIN

PORTFOLIOS AND ASSESSMENT
JENNIFER MOROZ

REGISTER AT mypita-spring.ourconference.ca

Cultivating SOGI in Classroom Contexts

Please register by April 30th, 2021
Contact Rachel French (rfrench@sd43.bc.ca)
for more information

Bryan Gidinski (District SOGI Lead for the Burnaby School District) will share practical and engaging lesson examples designed to bring LGBTQ+ identities and SOGI understandings into classroom contexts in ways that connect to curriculum, focus on building robust and broad understandings, are embedded in long term unit planning instead of single or separate SOGI focused lessons, minimize controversy and maximize inclusion.

Attend the workshop relevant to your grade range where Bryan shares practical examples of classroom activities to adapt and explore in your classroom.

Register here for K-5 focus

Tuesday, May 4, 3:30 – 4:30 Zoom Workshop

Register here for Middle and Secondary focus

Wednesday, May 5, 3:30 – 4:30 Zoom Workshop

Attend a follow up workshop (all participants K-12) to share and debrief experiences and consider next steps

Tuesday, May 25, 3:30 – 5:00 Zoom Workshop

You will be automatically registered for the follow-up.

A link for this session will be shared closer to the date.



Adult Centered Education Conference

Friday, May 21st - 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

On Microsoft Teams

*All registrants will be provided a free Office 365 account
We are happy to announce our keynote will be Danny Ramadan,
Syrian-Canadian author and LGBTQ-refugees advocate.

For more information please visit our website <http://www.aceconference.net/index.html>

CASJ COMMITTEE FOR ACTION ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

CASJ committee meeting (3rd Thurs of each month):

Thur, May 20, 2021 3:45 pm via Teams

Ongoing work to be done, come on out to add your thoughts! You can check the records of recent meetings on our Teams channel. New members welcome!

CASJ book club (2nd and 4th Thurs of each month):

Thur, May 13, 2021 4pm via Teams

We will be continuing with 'Seven Fallen Feathers' looking at chapters 10 to the end of the book.

New/Next Book Club

Thur May 27 4pm via Teams

Our next book club series will focus on Robyn Maynard's Policing Black Lives: State Violence in Canada From Slavery to the Present.

Please reach out if you're interested, new members welcome!

Watch a presentation at UBC with Robyn Maynard from March 2021 here.

Please contact Committee Chair Karen Learmonth or CTA liaison Diether Malakoff with any questions.

Celebrations

This past Wednesday was Administrative Professionals' Day! In the CTA office we are all immensely grateful for the work of our office staff colleagues: Kelly Roberts, Pat Adolf, Heidi Davis, Kelly Stewart, and Corbey Heyes-Jones. Without them the office would (literally) fall apart. A huge thank you to our incredible office staff for all that they do and to all the office staff members throughout our district who help so many of us and our school communities on a daily basis! Thank you!!

Moments of Joy

Let's get back to celebrating the moments that make us smile, laugh, and enjoy our days - send Moments of Joy to mcrawford@cta43.org and they might be shared in our next newsletter!

A two year old wants to be just like his Dad - he followed every move as he tried to mow the lawn alongside him <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ad9xnRPusZw>

A 3,000 year old city has been uncovered in Egypt. Thought to be the most important discovery since King Tutankhamen's tomb, the city of Aten has lots to teach us: <https://www.discovery.com/exploration/3-000-year-old-lost-city-found-in-egypt>

Thelonius Monk the Chipmunk has been dining at his own personal restaurant for months and has quite the range of tasty options! <https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/2020/11/03/chipmunk-restaurant-picnic-table-atlanta/>

TTOC Committee

TTOC Committee Meeting (2nd Tues of each month)

Please join us at our next committee meeting on Tue May 11, 2021 at 3:45pm. The link has been posted on Facebook.

All meeting links and additional information will be posted in the CTA TTOC facebook group. Please contact committee chair Morgan McKee (chair.ttoc@gmail.com) or Diether Malakoff (dmalakoff@cta43.org) for more information.

TTOC BCTF EI Workshop

Are you a TTOC and want to learn more about how EI works? Come and join us on Monday May 10th at 3:45pm for a 2 hr workshop. Come with questions from your own experience as well as benefit from the knowledge of the BCTF facilitators. Please check the CTA TTOC FB group for further details or email CTA TTOC committee chair Morgan McKee or TTOC committee liaison Diether Malakoff.

The **TTOC Hardship Fund** \$50 grocery store gift cards are still available to qualified TTOCs. The application form can be found on our website, member resources/covid page. Please submit your completed application to Heidi hdavis@cta43.org

Red Dress Day May 5, 2021

We raise our hands to honour the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG).

Everyone is encouraged to wear red to acknowledge, honour and bring awareness to the women and girls that left us too soon.



How EFAP Can Help

Information to help with work and life

Confidential · Immediate Assistance · 24/7/365

Morneau Shepell · 1-844-880-9142

workhealthlife.com

CTA Website Login

Information is posted on our website as quickly as we have it. Please make sure you are able to access the site. If you have any questions about login please contact [Kelly Stewart](#)

Questions about your pension?

Go straight to the source for answers.

<https://tpp.pensionsbc.ca/pension-basics>

Online workshops and learning

<https://tpp.pensionsbc.ca/learning-resources>

Retirement Health Coverage

<https://tpp.pensionsbc.ca/retirement-health-coverage>

Committee Vacancies

District Student Services Advisory Committee

2 CTA reps

District Student Achievement Advisory Committee

4 CTA reps

District Student Wellness & Safety Committee

Currently Full

District Aboriginal Ed Advisory Committee

Currently Full

District French Advisory Committee

Currently Full

CTA PD Committee

2 Middle Reps,

1 Adult Ed Rep, 2 Elementary Reps

CTA Teachers Teaching on Call Committee

5 members-at-large

CTA Committee of Action on Social Justice (CASJ)

2 Middle reps

New Westminster & District Labour Council

5 CTA reps

Teachers interested in any of these committees should go onto our website or click here for a curriculum vitae form and submit it to the CTA Office (padolf@cta43.org). If you have questions, call the CTA Office at **604-936-9971**.

Contact Us:

Please see the list below for the officer or staff member best able to help you.

(Last names A-F) Ken Christensen, President

kchristensen@cta43.org

(Last names G-L) Kara Obojski, 1st Vice-President

kobojski@cta43.org

(Last names M-R) Diether Malakoff, 2nd Vice-President

dmalakoff@cta43.org

(Last names S-Z) Andy Gilligan, Labour Relations Officer

agilligan@cta43.org

PD related questions

Meggan Crawford, PD Chairperson - mcrawford@cta43.org

CTA Administration

(anything not covered by anyone in the list below)

Kelly Roberts, Executive Director - kroberts@cta43.org

Accounting/Finance

Reimbursements, scholarship payment) & CTA newsletter

Heidi Davis, Finance Administrator - hdavis@cta43.org

Scholarships, Committees, CTA PD Day

Pat Adolf, Administrative Associate - padolf@cta43.org

Membership info & website access

Kelly Stewart, Office Clerk - kstewart@cta43.org

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