

# COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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## President's Message

### Urgent Appeal!

Please **check your personal email** for an urgent communication from the CTA about the Section 53 process and an upcoming ratification vote on the 25 - 27th of May!  
The information contained in the communication can't be shared here as it is in-committee, which means for CTA member eyes only.

We thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

In Solidarity,  
Ken



# GLENEAGLE SECONDARY CON X LEADERSHIP STUDENTS Viral Cause 2.0 Fundraiser

Viral Cause strives to use music to connect and support those in need. Through Youtube live streams by local performers they are fundraising to support "Backpack Buddies" that is dedicated to ensuring the most vulnerable BC children have access to food.

**This week we have Jordan Klassen, a local musician performing.** Jordan has been nominated for the 2020 Prism Prize, 2019 UK Music Video Awards, has had songs on CBC Radio Top 20 chart at No.11 and CBC Music Top 20 at No.17, and finished as a top three finalist in the 2012 Peak Performance Project, an artist development program curated by the radio station 102.7 The Peak.

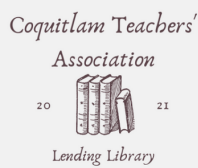
**He will be performing on Viral Cause this Friday, May 21 at 7 PM.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IM4WbmKnAUQ>

Through our initiative, we hope to show people in our community that even if we are all physically separated from each other, our community can connect through supporting local artists and important causes that change lives!

To donate or for more information please visit;  
<https://donate-can.keela.co/viral-cause>

## Looking for a good read?



The CTA Lending Library is a collection of books meant to help teachers with their PD. Starting with the published works of speakers from our February PD days, this collection is available for

teachers to borrow for six week periods to dig deeper into many current educational topics.

Email [mcrawford@cta43.org](mailto:mcrawford@cta43.org) to get your account set up.

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](mailto:hdavis@cta43.org)



## Paint Night

**with Zealous Art 7pm, 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.

To register email Meggan Crawford.

## Quiz night

**7 pm via Zoom, June 25th.**

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.

To register email Meggan Crawford.

## Interested in being a Mentor?

**Do you often find yourself offering support to colleagues?**

**Do you reach out to TTOCs or new teachers on staff?**

**Do you want to feel connected to a community of learners?**

The mentoring network might be for you!

Click here to register or contact Tamara Sengotta for more information.

Some of the benefits of mentoring include;

- Opportunity to have lasting impact and give back
- Learning with and from your mentee
- Teacher Leadership
- Learning opportunities to develop effective mentoring skills that are transferrable to teaching and leadership.
- Release time for Mentor Learning and for meeting with your mentee

Mentoring is a two (2) year commitment involving monthly Mentoring Network meetings, Mentoring Monday events, retreat opportunities and release time through the year to co-plan, co-teach or observe your mentee. The Mentor Learning opportunities will include how to attend fully, paraphrase, question, pause, offer support, create challenge, and facilitate professional vision.

# PD POWER

If you're looking for your next great read, check out <https://ctalibrary.libib.com/> to see what is available from the CTA Lending Library. To create an account, email [mcrawford@cta43.org](mailto:mcrawford@cta43.org). Once you have an account you can place holds on books, which will then be sent to you via the district mailbag. Read and enjoy the book, then return it the same way (or drop it off at the CTA office) and borrow another book! There are plenty of great books about our work, but also a variety of other texts that might interest you including books by Brene Brown, Chris Hadfield, Ivan Coyote, and more!

Are you planning to attend some PD workshops this summer? If so, remember that summer workshops are still eligible for yellow form reimbursements!

Thanks to everyone who joined us for our second Team Quiz Night on Wednesday! Congratulations to Kira Woldring, Anne Davis, Shane Kennedy, and Monica Dunn who claimed victory this round. Our next Team Quiz Night is Friday, June 25th (not the 24th) and if you'd like to join you can email [mcrawford@cta43.org](mailto:mcrawford@cta43.org) to sign up!

We also have one more paint night on June 11th where we will be painting a scenic view of Manning Park.

- Meggan Crawford PD Chairperson



## Stolen Lives: The Indigenous Peoples of Canada and the Residential Schools

In this online course, we will explore the history of Canada's Residential Schools through primary source texts and survivors' personal testimonies to better understand the devastating history and long-lasting impact on former students, their families, and entire Indigenous communities. We will also look at their historical roots and the legacies that followed while examining the apologies given by government and churches, the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and the charge of genocide. We will use all these elements to help students connect this history to their own lives and the choices they make.

**July 8th - August 9th, 2021**

**Online - \$150**

[Click here to register or more information](#)



**AUGUST 23-27, 2021**



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**BC Teachers' Federation**

## New Teachers' ZOOM Gathering

New Teachers! Join the conversation with the award winning educator and author Hannah Beach. Her 25 years expertise is in developing innovative inclusive programs and resources. You will get a chance to win her latest book *Reclaiming our students!*

**DATE:** Wednesday, May 26, 2021

**TIME:** 3:30pm to 4:30pm

**REGISTRATION:** <https://members.bctf.ca/Event.axd?e=2276>

**Keynote Speaker:**



**HANNAH BEACH**  
Inclusive and Special  
Education



Asian Canadian Artists Against Racism:

# AN EVENING FOR RESISTANCE

May 26 | 7:00- 8:30pm PST

Free for ALL ages

An open mic night featuring:



Janey Chang



Tin Lorica



Rita Wong



Sol Diana



Henry Tsang

...and more!

REGISTER AT [asiansagainstracism.eventbrite.ca](https://asiansagainstracism.eventbrite.ca)

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## TTOC Committee

TTOC Committee Meeting (2nd Tues of each month)

Please join us at our next committee meeting on Tue June 8, 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](mailto:Morgan.McKee@gmail.com) (chair.ttoc@gmail.com) or [Diether Malakoff](mailto:dmalakoff@cta43.org) (dmalakoff@cta43.org) for more information.

## 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](mailto:mcrawford@cta43.org) and they might be shared in our next newsletter!

We've all had rough days, but this Dad held a 'press conference' afterwards:

<https://www.sunnyskyz.com/happy-videos/10537/Dad-Holds-Press-Conference-After-Rough-Day-Of-Parenting>

With mirrors, spiral staircases, arches, and more, this is a book store you could get lost in:

<https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/chinese-bookstore-mirrored-ceilings-dujiangyan-zhongshuge/>

A local man has been sharing the beauty of Vancouver and the world is loving it:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/world-us-canada-57118301>



COMMITTEE FOR ACTION ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

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

Thur May 27 4pm via Teams

Join us with as we start a NEW BOOK, Robyn Maynard's Policing Black Lives. For this first session, we will be discussing the first part of the book up to the end of Chapter 1. Books will be provided to those who need them. Watch a presentation at UBC with Robyn Maynard from March 2021 here.

**CTA Anti-Racism Policy working group**

(first Thurs of each month)

Next session will be Thur June 3rd @ 4pm on Teams

We will be continuing our work in developing a Anti-Racism advisory committee, particulars are still coming together. All interested members welcome to attend

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

Thur, Jun 17, 2021 3:45 pm via Teams

This will be our final meeting of the year. We'll be reflecting on the progress we've made this year and putting our minds to confirming goals for next year. If PHO orders and weather permit, we have the intention to have this be an outdoor gathering, this decision will be made closer to the date. New members welcome!

Please contact Committee Chair [Karen Learmonth](#) or CTA liaison [Diether Malakoff](#) with any questions.

## Making Sense of Your Pension, CPP, OAS and Group Benefits

An Essential Workshop presented by the BCRTA

All teachers age 50+ should plan to attend one of BCRTA's Pre-Retirement online (Zoom) workshops.

**The workshops are free.**

You get great planning materials along with answers to questions you have about your retirement.

Upcoming Dates:

May 26, 2021 from 7 - 8:30 pm

June 2, 2021 from 4 - 5:30 pm

**Please pre-register at <https://bcрта.ca/workshop>**

# COMMITTEE VACANCIES

## 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

## 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

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](mailto: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](mailto:kchristensen@cta43.org)

**(Last names G-L)** Kara Obojski, 1st Vice-President  
[kobojski@cta43.org](mailto:kobojski@cta43.org)

**(Last names M-R)** Diether Malakoff, 2nd Vice-President  
[dmalakoff@cta43.org](mailto:dmalakoff@cta43.org)

**(Last names S-Z)** Andy Gilligan, Labour Relations Officer  
[agilligan@cta43.org](mailto:agilligan@cta43.org)

**PD related questions**  
Meggan Crawford, PD Chairperson - [mcrawford@cta43.org](mailto:mcrawford@cta43.org)

### CTA Administration

Kelly Roberts, Executive Director - [kroberts@cta43.org](mailto:kroberts@cta43.org)

### Accounting/Finance

Reimbursements, scholarship payments & CTA newsletter  
Heidi Davis, Finance Administrator - [hdavis@cta43.org](mailto:hdavis@cta43.org)

### Scholarships, Committees, CTA PD Day

Pat Adolf, Administrative Associate - [padolf@cta43.org](mailto:padolf@cta43.org)

### Membership Database & Website Access

Kelly Stewart, Office Clerk - [kstewart@cta43.org](mailto:kstewart@cta43.org)

### Office Clerk

Corbey Heyes-Jones

If your situation is already being handled by an officer not matching your alpha assignment, then please continue to liaise with that officer.



### *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](http://workhealthlife.com)

### **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>

### **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](mailto:kstewart@cta43.org)

[www.coquitlamteachers.com](http://www.coquitlamteachers.com)

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