

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

Ratification Vote

It has been revealed that the result of the ratification vote on Section 53 (Local Bargaining Structures) has passed successfully. Voter turnout was low and, given all that teachers are dealing with right now and the disconnection of the subject matter from their normal working lives, that is not surprising either.

Rep Assembly

The Representative Assembly is being held this Friday and Saturday. As you may recall, we forwarded our motions that fell to unfinished business and didn't get dealt with at the AGM, to this body for debate and decision. Unfortunately, we are not alone in doing that and we have more local resolutions than I can ever remember seeing, plus the EC recommendations and other business. When and if our matters hit the floor, your Local Reps and Local President are ready, willing and able to speak on these motions, on behalf of Coquitlam teachers.

Postings

By the time you read this, Round one of the Post and Fill process will be underway. Despite my fears, there look to be a fair number of postings coming and fewer surplus P1s than I had expected. There will be six rounds of posting this year so, keep your eyes skinned to not miss out, if you are considering a change. This means there will be some opportunity for people to move and that's welcome in a really dark and difficult year, professionally.

In Solidarity,
Ken

BCTF Bargaining Training Opportunity

One of the BCTF Priorities in 2020–21 is creating an equitable and inclusive union in which the structures, processes, and culture ensure that all members can count on access, agency, and a sense of belonging. Towards this, additional spaces have been designated for Indigenous, Black, and People of Color members (15 spaces), as well as additional spots for members within their first five years of teaching (10 spaces) in the upcoming June Bargaining Training. This opportunity is to support individual professional development and local capacity building, and is open to members who may or may not be currently part of local bargaining structures.

The Bargaining Training consists of the following three workshops, dates and times are listed;

Local Surveys and BCTF Bargaining Resources Review

Wednesday, June 9, 2021 - 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. OR 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Local Bargaining Readiness

Wednesday, June 16, 2021 - 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. OR 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Letter of Understanding 1: Designation of Local and Provincial Matters

Wednesday, June 23, 2021 - 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. OR 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

All workshops are 90 minutes. If required, a half-day LOA will be provided by the BCTF for the 1:00 p.m. sessions.

If you know a member who meets this criteria and may be interested in this opportunity, please share this information with them. If you are a member who is interested in this opportunity, please send an email to Lee-Anne Clarke, lclarke@bctf.ca by May 31st with the following information:

1. Name
2. Local
3. Do you self-identify as Indigenous, Black, and/or a Person of Colour?
4. How many years have you been teaching?
5. Are you able to attend all three workshops?
6. One or two sentences about why you are interested in this training
7. If you will require an LOA (only for the 1:00 p.m. sessions)

Members who are selected to participate will receive a confirmation email and registration details the week of Monday, May 31, 2021.

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:

June 2, 2021 from 4 - 5:30 pm

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



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.

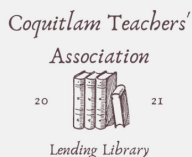
Quiz night

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.

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 to get your account set up.

PD POWER

The CTA Health Challenge is officially halfway complete! The 31 teams have been active and have taken on numerous challenges ranging from self-care to hydration to getting a good night's sleep. At the close of week five, Elementary, My Dear Walkson was in the lead, followed closely by Complete Tandemonium and The Lunch Ladies. At our May 19th Team Quiz Night it was the team of Monica Dunn, Anne Davis, Kira Woldring, and Shane Kennedy who came out victorious! If you would like to register for our final paint night (a Manning Park painting) on June 11th or our Final Team Quiz Night on June 25th, please email mcrawford@cta43.org instead of using the booking tool.

The PD Committee continues to plan ahead to next February and consider who we would like to see as a keynote speaker (or speakers). If you have a suggestion of someone you've seen who had a strong impact, please let me know.

- Meggan Crawford PD Chairperson



Virtual Summer Institute 2021

AUGUST 23-27, 2021



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](#)



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Keeping Kids Safe Online With Jillian Harris and Children of the Street

Kids today are spending more time online than ever before. Sexual exploiters know this and are taking advantage of this. On June 17th at 10:30am – 11:30am (PST), we're inviting parents and caregivers to join us at our live webinar on how to keep kids safe online.

Jillian Harris will be hosting this event with our very own Courtney Liem for a one-hour presentation that will provide tools to help you navigate apps and social media, and to recognize the warning signs of online sexual exploitation.

This webinar will also include opportunities for Q&A, a live discussion, and fabulous door-prizes!

Tickets are \$15 per person. [Register now.](#)

All proceeds raised will go to support Children of the Street in its work to keep kids safe from sexual exploitation.

— HAPPY — Retirement

Diane Silzer is retiring after an amazing 35 year career!

Due to the pandemic, we cannot celebrate in person, but we want everyone in the district to have the opportunity to celebrate/honour Diane's many contributions to both classroom teaching and library education.

If you would like to contribute to a "well-wishes" video for Diane, please send your clip to [Vivienne Royle](#) by the end of May. (Please put Diane Silzer in the subject line) Thank you!



TTOC Committee

TTOC Committee Meeting (2nd Tues of the month)
The June 8th TTOC Committee Meeting has been cancelled.

See you all next year!!

Please contact committee chair [Morgan McKee](#) (chair.ttoc@gmail.com) or [Diether Malakoff](#) (dmalakoff@cta43.org) for more information or with any questions you might have.

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 mccrawford@cta43.org and they might be shared in our next newsletter!

This Australian Shepard gives all new meaning to the downward dog yoga pose as she joins her owner for some yoga: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x9MDId6_2Nk

Two decades of tradition continues as a mama duck leads her ducklings through a school to reach the nearby pond: <https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/10-ducklings-follow-their-mom-through-a-minnesota-school/>

These Girl Scouts earned their Take Action award, saved thousands of bottle caps from the landfill, and created benches to help children find friends to play with: <https://theweek.com/speedreads/983218/girl-scouts-turn-plastic-bottle-caps-into-park-benches-that-help-kids-make-friends>

Sheldon was too curious to be a service dog, but his curiosity is an asset as an Arson Dog:

<https://theweek.com/speedreads/983382/after-flunking-service-training-dog-now-helping-solve-arson-cases>



**COMMITTEE FOR
ACTION ON SOCIAL
JUSTICE**

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

Thur June 10 4pm via Teams

We moved the first session with Robyn Maynard's Policing Black Lives to Jun10th, join us on teams to get what you need to be ready for discussion. NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!!

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

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.

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

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). 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
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(Last names G-L) Kara Obojski, 1st Vice-President
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(Last names M-R) Diether Malakoff, 2nd Vice-President
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(Last names S-Z) Andy Gilligan, Labour Relations Officer
agilligan@cta43.org

PD related questions
Meggan Crawford, PD Chairperson - mcrawford@cta43.org

CTA Administration

Kelly Roberts, Executive Director - kroberts@cta43.org

Accounting/Finance

Reimbursements, scholarship payments & CTA newsletter
Heidi Davis, Finance Administrator - hdavis@cta43.org

Scholarships, Committees, CTA PD Day

Pat Adolf, Administrative Associate - padolf@cta43.org

Membership Database & Website Access

Kelly Stewart, Office Clerk - kstewart@cta43.org

Office Clerk

Corbey Heyes-Jones, Office Clerk

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
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Morneau Shepell · 1-844-880-9142
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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

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