

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

Next Year Updates

Recent announcements and a Local President's call outlined the plan for next year. I will cover some of the key highlights from these communications and discussions. It's clear from the messaging that the intention is to return to "near-normal" next year. You can hear the BCTF in that. I think the original framing was "normal" but, "normal" as we had it before isn't going to be good enough. We will still have Covid 19 next year, we will still have at least every child under 12 not vaccinated, we will still need rigorous cleaning protocols and probably some limitations on gathering and the maintenance of other safety protocols.

At least the Ministry agreed to devote some money to the problem and that is welcome. Much of the money will go to maintaining existing cleanliness, which, honestly, is only where school cleanliness should have been all along. There are also resources dedicated to investing in student needs educationally, in the wake of this year and that is welcome. These funds are still fairly minimal and inadequate to the task but, what else is new in public education?

The Rapid Response Teams will continue in operation and the BCTF is trying to broaden who can call them in, from just Superintendents to a broader range of authorities, including the union. The Steering Committee and OHS Working Groups will continue as well.

Vaccination among those aged 12-18 is currently sitting at 50% but with large geographic disparities so, depending on how that situation develops there may need to be region-specific protocols in place for the start of the school year.

Ventilation systems remain a point of contention. Obviously the widely varying infrastructure across the province means variable quality in ventilation. Locally, the District did buy up every Merv 13 filter it could lay its hands on at the beginning of this mess but, not every ventilation system can handle that much intake restriction. The BCTF feels and, we concur, that teachers and students deserve to work in classrooms that are well-ventilated with clean air.

It is reassuring to see the BCTF achieve success in inserting the guiding principle in the K-12 Education Recovery plan that addresses the specific needs of First Nations, Indigenous and Metis peoples. This principle requires consultation and collaboration with these groups to address the unique learning needs of those communities.

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Another guiding principle is ongoing engagement with parents/caregivers, unions and staff to develop local solutions. That work has been ongoing here but, it isn't as present everywhere. This also provides a tighter focus that includes more interest groups.

As you can see, discussion and debate continue on what next year will look like and some decisions will not be able to be made until we see where we are in August. There may be some last-minute changes of course and action required.

Anti-Racism, Anti-Oppression Training

The BCTF is advocating for specific non-instructional days to be added to next year's calendar to provide in-service on anti-oppression and anti-racism, particularly focused on anti-Indigenous racism. Recent events have highlighted the need for specific training in this area. Teachers are struggling with outdated resources, uncertainty of action and a strong desire to act and take positive steps to eliminate these things. The Minister is reluctant to offer additional NIDs because of predicted pushback on loss of instructional time after this year's challenges. The BCTF will continue to advocate for this and see if we can change government's mind on this subject.

In Solidarity,
Ken

CTA Rep Assembly

Wednesday, June 23, 2021 Zoom - 4:00 pm

First Nations Acknowledgement

1. Call to Order

- Adoption of the agenda

2. Provincial Bargaining Objectives [In-Committee]

3. Mentorship Fund Motion

As recommended by the June 16, 2021 Executive Committee meeting:

That the \$695,000 BCTF Mentoring Fund be used towards formal mentor training sessions including, but not limited to facilitators, consultants, course development, and materials; and an additional day of mentor learning during Mentoring Retreats. If all district mentorship monies are exhausted in any give year, funds may be available for additional mentor/mentee release time upon request to the CTA.

4. Adjournment

2021-2022 Staff and PD Rep Names Needed

In order to plan for Training Sessions we will need to know who your PD and Staff Reps are AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. School staffs should be selecting their CTA Staff Reps and PD Reps for the upcoming 2021 - 2022 school year. Please forward those names to the CTA office by emailing padolf@cta43.org. Thank you!

ROY KRUTOW SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year the CTA awards two Roy Krutow Scholarships of \$1250.00 to the graduating child of a teacher employed by School District #43 or to the child of a retired or deceased teacher employed by School District #43 at the time of retirement or death. **Eligible candidates can attend ANY public school in British Columbia.**

Criteria: Academic achievement (in case of a tie, school involvement will be considered).

Application Deadline: July 1, 2021

Applications are available on our website under "Member Resources"; "CTA Forms"

Please send your application by email to Pat at padolf@cta43.org

Opportunities for BCTF Members Provincial Bargaining Team

The BCTF is seeking applications from members who are interested in serving as members of the provincial bargaining team for the upcoming round of provincial bargaining. If you are interested, please apply by accessing the application here:

<https://www.bctf.ca/OpportunitiesforMembers.aspx>.

Application deadline is July 15, 2021.

Summer Hours

During the summer months the CTA office will be closed between

July 17th and August 30th

If you require assistance during the office closure please reach out, messages are retrieved regularly to enable us to assist you.



CTA connections



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.

Want to be a Mentee?

Are you interested in partnering with a mentor?

Please join the Mentoring Network!

Early career and new to role teachers are welcome.

You are invited to complete this form!

<https://forms.office.com/r/jx9FXJawZX>

Information to Support Indigenous Causes



Teachers right now are at a bit of a loss as to what to do to support Indigenous causes that would be useful and impactful. Teacher Ana Linares of Port Moody Secondary has created a Google doc with a list of Indigenous-led charitable organizations people can donate to. We invite teachers to look at this list and see what organizations interest them. Indigenous Ed has been consulted on sharing this document with you and they have approved it. https://docs.google.com/document/d/12o3jhY9lXYqtUtTwwyReWmu2lpqrzje4MH_uuvEGvCw/edit?usp=sharing

Let's Take It SLO...

Summer Learning Opportunities

Mentoring has some great summer learning sessions planned so please SIGN UP NOW to make sure you get a spot. Zoom links will be sent in August.

For more info contact dhughes@sd43.bc.ca

Registration information can be found here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/czRKKzwpiQ>

August 31st, 2021

9:00 - 10:00

So you have a contract... Now what?

11:00 - 12:00

New to ELL K-12

Classroom Management Strategies K-12

1:00 - 2:00

TTOC Tips and Tricks

Classroom Design K-12

September 1, 2021

9:00 - 10:00

New to Student Services K-12

Collaborative Mindset K-12

11:00 - 12:00

Math Routines 3-5

Math Routines 6-8

Primary Classroom Routines that Make a Difference

1:00 - 2:00

Math Routines K-3

Restorative Classrooms 4-8

September 2, 2021

9:00 - 10:00

Design a Comprehensive Literacy Program K-5

11:00 - 12:00

Outdoor Learning K-5

New to Gifted K-12

1:00 - 2:00

Technology and Pedagogy: The Art of Differentiation

Executive Functioning Strategies for All Classrooms K-12

PD POWER

With two weeks left in the school year, it's a good time to remind everyone that summer pd is still eligible for yellow form reimbursement! All Coquitlam teachers, including TTOCs and part-time teachers are eligible for two yellow form reimbursements from May 1st to April 30th of each year, including over the summer. If you are taking a workshop between now and July 14th you will still need to meet the two week advance deadline for your yellow form being in the office. If you are planning to attend a workshop that falls between July 15th and September 24th you will have until September 10th to submit your yellow form. You'll notice this might mean submitting your form after you've done the course – this is because the CTA office is not open for the entire summer. To ensure that we still support summer pd the deadlines are adjusted for this. Conference reports and receipts for all summer pd need to be in to pd@cta43.org by 4:30pm on October 10th, 2021. Most workshops are eligible for pd reimbursement – if they offer post-secondary credits or a certification of some type then they are likely not. - **Meggan Crawford PD Chairperson**



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CRISIS & TRAUMA
RESOURCE INSTITUTE

LIVE VIRTUAL Anxiety in Children and Youth Practical Intervention Strategies

Jul 07, 2021 (9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Central Time)

[Link for more information or registration](#)

LIVE VIRTUAL Autism Strategies for Self-Regulation, Learning, and Challenging Behaviours

Jul 14 - Jul 15, 2021 (9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Central Time)

[Link for more information or registration](#)

LIVE VIRTUAL Gender and Sexual Diversity in Youth

Jul 21 - Jul 22, 2021 (9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Central Time)

[Link for more information or registration](#)



BC Inclusive Education Virtual Conference August 23-25

This 3-day event is designed to provide a robust learning environment that will facilitate strategic approaches to inclusion and belonging for all students in B.C.'s elementary and secondary schools.

Summer PD My form is due when?

What are your summer PD plans? I will be taking a book or two from the CTA Lending Library to dig into over the summer (email mcrawford@cta43.org if you'd like to create a lending library account and start borrowing books!).

If you are planning to attend a workshop that has a cost please remember that summer pd is still eligible for yellow form reimbursement!

The CTA office closes for part of the summer the dates for submitting your form are a little different:

- Workshop between now and July 14th: Yellow form due in no later than June 30th
- **Workshop between July 15th and September 24th: Yellow form due in no later than September 10th.**

Conference reports and receipts for summer PD:

due in to pd@cta43.org no later than October 10th



FACING HISTORY & OURSELVES

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](#)

Check out the BCTF's new education eBook collection!

**Free to all BCTF
members at
BCTF.ca/ebooks**

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— HAPPY — Retirement

The following names are just a few of our current retirees, for more information please check the Community Relations page on the School District website.

The CTA sends Retirement congratulations to all of our 2021 retirees. It's time to follow dreams long set aside and enjoy the rewards of work done well.

Sandra Allen - Riverview Park

James Goddard - Eagle Ridge



District School District Naming Committee (1 CTA Member)

The district is seeking one CTA rep to help with naming the future elementary school on Burke Mountain. The committee will undergo a shortlisting process of suggested school names and then the shortlisted names for the new school will be forward to the SBO for the official name selection. The committee work will likely take place in mid to late September 2021. There will be approximately 1-2 meetings in total and they will be held weekdays from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Submit a CV form, to the CTA office padolf@cta43.org before 4 pm, Wednesday, June 30th, 2021.

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

A construction site in Toronto came to a full stop to wave across the street at a child in Sick Kids hospital - and it made his day: <https://torontosun.com/news/local-news/mississauga-cancer-patients-birthday-greeting-goes-viral>

When Ottawa Senators hockey player Tim Stutzle scored his first hat trick in the NHL it was in an empty arena, so the kids in his neighborhood made up for it by throwing hats over his backyard fence:

<https://ottawa.ctvnews.ca/how-a-neighbourhood-organized-a-hat-toss-for-senators-rookie-tim-stutzle-s-first-nhl-hat-trick-1.5423493>

A dog in Alberta is raising money for animal shelters and dogs with cancer by painting:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/dog-paint-medicine-hat-charity-1.6059868>



**COMMITTEE FOR
ACTION ON SOCIAL
JUSTICE**

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

Thur., June 24, 2021 4pm via Teams

We'll be discussing Chapters 2 (Slavery, racial capitalism and the making of contemporary Black poverty) and 3 (Arrested (IN)justice, from streets to the prison) in Robyn Maynard's 'Policing Black Lives'. Come out and join the conversation.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!!

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

CASJ committee meeting (3rd Thurs of each month)

The CASJ Committee is adjourned for this year. If you have any questions or ideas for next year please feel free to reach out in the meantime.

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



Members of UniteHERE40 at the Pacific Gateway Hotel (venue for BCTF Rep Assemblies) continue to be treated poorly by their employer, who is also in dispute with UniteHERE40 employees at The Hilton Metrotown.

For more information and to keep up with developments <https://www.uniteherelocal40.org/>

TTOC Committee

TTOC Committee Meeting (2nd Tues of the month)

The TTOC committee is adjourned for the year, keep in touch with us on FB or reach out to Morgan McKee (chair.ttoc@gmail.com) or Diether Malakoff (dmalakoff@cta43.org) with any ideas for next year or any other queries.

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
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

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
Confidential · Immediate Assistance · 24/7/365
Morneau Shepell · 1-844-880-9142
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

CTA Office: 604-936-9971

