

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

September 30th Truth and Reconciliation Day

The CTA is encouraging school staffs to recognize Truth and Reconciliation Day at some point before the Thursday on which it falls. The CTA also asks that you take some time on the day to consider the circumstances Indigenous people face in Canada and the injustices imposed upon them historically and those which continue today. It is certainly hoped that the Province gets on with the job of officially recognizing this day and with the work of Reconciliation they need to participate in.

Covid, Data and Protocols

The CTA remains frustrated by the lack of clear data from the Health Authority regarding cases in schools. We can see from the public data that cases among school-aged children are on the rise but the argument continues that schools are safe places and transmissions are low. It's hard to verify such things when the Health Authority won't share data with us to confirm or deny. They claim also that there is just a "change in mechanism" but not a reduction in contact tracing, which doesn't make sense to us and it's hard to understand how contact tracing will still happen when the data on exposures isn't being shared. Ongoing from that is still an unwillingness to involve teachers more broadly in contact tracing. With reduced rules around gathering and social distancing, you would think it would be even more essential to ask the person who knows where all the kids were. Frustration also continues provincially with the Steering Committee seeming to be less effective at getting changes made and work done. The BCTF is the only party at the table asking questions, the other partners seem to see it as an affirmation session to tell them they are doing ok. We have numerous assertions from the School District around continued data sharing, (Fraser Health permitting), ongoing cleaning, limiting access, mask exemption protocols, etc. And that's great but, it would be helpful if the Health Authority committed to similar assurances and action.

In Solidarity,
Ken

CTA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, September 29, 2021
Zoom – 4:00 pm

Zoom links have be sent to reps via email and are posted on our website (Staff Rep Page)

Agenda

First Nations Acknowledgement

1. Call to Order
 - Adoption of the agenda
 - Adoption of the minutes of the Representative Assembly held April 21, May 5 & June 23, 2021.
2. President's Report
3. Ratification of Committee Appointments
4. 2020-21 CTA Guiding Principles & Priorities
5. CTA Budget 2021 - 2022
 - Recommendations to the CTA AGM (October 6, 2021)
6. School Concerns
7. Prize Draw
8. Adjournment

CTA Annual General Meeting

Zoom links will be sent, please check your email or our website

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1. Call to Order
 - Adoption of the agenda
 - Adoption of the minutes of the Year End General Meeting held May 12, 2021.
2. President's Report
3. Financial Reports
 - Auditor's Report Manning Elliott, Accountants & Business Advisors
 - Financial Statements
 - That the Annual General Meeting receive the financial statements to June 30, 2021
 - That the CTA Auditors for 2021-22 be Manning Elliot, Accountants & Business Advisors
 - Approval of the 2021-22 Finance Recommendations
4. Bargaining Update [In-Committee]
5. Prize Draws
6. Adjournment



Congrats and thank you !!

To Angie Lundin (Roy Stibbs) and Lauren Rotzien (Maillard) on their appointments to the District Student Achievement Advisory Committee.



The BCTF has made some
great changes to their website
take a look here



ELECTION DAY

The CTA Office
will close at 4pm

Monday September 20th

PD POWER

This time of year is the busiest for yellow forms in the CTA office, mostly due to the October PSA day (October 22nd this year). As more PSAs publish their workshop offerings, please remember that your form must be in the CTA office no later than 4:30pm on October 8th, 2021. We cannot accept a scanned version of the form – it must be dropped off in person. Since the mailbag can be unpredictable in how long mail takes to arrive at our site, do not rely on the mailbag to ensure that you meet the deadline! All CTA members including TTOCs and part time teachers are eligible for two pd reimbursements through the yellow form each year from May 1st – April 30th (the yellow form fiscal year). Forms that do not have event information attached (that shows the fee, date, and location) or that are missing signatures from your school's pd rep or administrator will be returned to you for completion before they are processed. If you'd like some help with your yellow form or you have questions about what events are/are not eligible, please join me next Tuesday, September 21st, at 4pm for an open Q&A session: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89193867662?pwd=b1d5aDdyYUx5K2QxbGtxSU1RTepjZz09> - **Meggan Crawford PD Chairperson**



COMMITTEE FOR ACTION ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

Book Club will be meeting on **Thursday Sept. 23** to discuss the first half of Robyn Maynard's *Policing Black Lives*.

Next committee meeting will be Thursday Oct 21 at 4pm on Teams.

We are continuing our work with the 'Anti-Racism Advisory Committee' as well as planning for some additional events like movie viewings. We're always looking for new folks to add voice to our work.

You can connect with us on Facebook at 'CTA CASJ' group as well as joining our group on Teams.

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

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!

It may have taken twelve years, but this veteran finally met the writer of a letter he has carried with him since he received it in 2009. [World War II Veteran Meets Pen Pal After Carrying Her Letter With Him For Twelve Years | Whiskey Riff](#)

A city in Taiwan will be home to an impressive new green space that is designed to connect to different senses and provide a place for relaxation and play: [Abandoned Airport Turned into Sensory Experience Park Providing Green Refuge in Crowded Taiwan City \(goodnewsnetwork.org\)](#).

This farmer and some local community members are spreading Hope with the word carved into a field of sunflowers. With more than 100,000 sunflowers planted, entry to the maze within the field is being used as a fundraiser: [This Farmer Is Spreading Hope With Her Charity Sunflower Field | HuffPost UK Life \(huffingtonpost.co.uk\)](#)

TTOC Committee

We're still in the process of setting dates for our first round of meetings. Please join us on Facebook at 'CTA TTOC' group, updates are posted there regularly.

Please contact committee chair Morgan McKee (chair.ttoc@gmail.com) or Diether Malakoff (dmalakoff@cta43.org) with any inquiries.

#MMIWG
#SISvigils

Sisters in Spirit Day

What are you doing on
October 4, 2021?

Honour the lives of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls

1. raise awareness
2. provide support to families who have lost a loved one
3. engage in a movement for social change.

BC accounts for over a quarter of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Canada.

Most cases occur in Vancouver's Downtown East Side and along the Highway of Tears near Prince George.



Sisters in Spirit is a research, policy, and education initiative of the Native Women's Association of Canada. For more information: <https://www.nwac.ca>

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

CTA Adult Educators

1 Learning Centre Rep, 1 High School Completion Rep

District Student Services Advisory Committee

2 CTA reps

District Student Achievement Advisory Committee

2 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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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

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