

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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Welcome Back!

President's Message

The CTA had planned to hold a mixture of in-person and online meetings, training, etc. this year but, due to the emerging situation, we have decided to move to all online until December, to mitigate risk and avoid the limitations on public gatherings. We appreciate everyone's understanding. We have a lot of important meetings coming up related to CTA budget, Staff Rep training, and particularly, bargaining, which need decisions from the membership. We hope our online meetings will allow more people to attend and we will do our best to make them seamless.

School Start

We remain concerned about the school start and the walk-back of rules and restrictions designed to protect the safety and welfare of teachers, other staff and students (bar the mask mandate for Gr. 4+). Discussions with the employer have resulted in the decision to take a slow approach, not just throwing everything out but, mitigating risk where it can still be done, maintaining low-level protocols and leaning into the school Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee and Collaborative Decision-Making Committee to discuss and decide what works best in your school. We are here for consultation and support, however it is needed. Being flexible and understanding will help us all get the best start possible. It will not look the same in every school. Larger sites may have different approaches than smaller ones, some sites may maintain staggered starts, lunches, etc. It is important that a school specific approach be used here and that staff discuss and consult in the creation of the approach. We are hopeful that things settle and we see fewer and fewer exposures, outbreaks and less need for Fraser Health to intercede this year but, we are ready for whatever happens.

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The provision of a stat for a National Day for Reconciliation on September 30 is a welcome addition to the calendar. We are all well aware of the horrifying discoveries of the last few months on the grounds of residential schools across this nation. These have stimulated long-overdue discussion and action. This day is a small recognition of the circumstances long endured by Indigenous peoples across Canada. Despite this day not being passed through the BC Legislature yet, the Ministry has confirmed that we will not be expected to make up the instructional time this day contains.

In Solidarity,
Ken

BCTF Committee vacancies

The BCTF has vacancies on the following advisory committees:

- Adult Education Advisory Committee
- Committee for Action on Social Justice Disability Justice Action Group
- French Advisory Committee on French Programs and Services
- G.A. Fergusson Memorial Award Trustees
- Health and Safety Advisory Committee
- Professional Issues Advisory Committee (PIAC)
- Teachers Teaching on Call Advisory Committee

To learn more about each committee, and to apply for these postings, visit the Postings and Opportunities page of the BCTF website. The deadline to apply is 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 10, 2021, except for PIAC, which has a deadline of 5:00 p.m., Monday, September 13, 2021.

Thoughtful Tuesdays:

A new wellness initiative from Starling Minds

We invite you to register for Thoughtful Tuesdays, the latest wellness program developed by Starling Minds.

Join your colleagues to practice mindfulness and manage anxiety and stress on the first Tuesday of every month beginning September 7 at 4:00 p.m.

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

PD POWER

Summer PD Forms and receipts are due when?

Yellow forms for workshops held between July 15th and September 24th must be at the CTA office by 4:30 pm Friday, September 10th.

Conference reports and receipts for summer PD: due in to pd@cta43.org no later than October 10th

October 22nd PSA Day event information is beginning to become available, check early for discount opportunities and ensure workshop availability. Check the [BCTF Events Calendar](#), CTA Newsletters and CTA website for details as they become available.

General Meeting

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

ZOOM - 4:00 PM

All CTA members are invited to our CTA General Meeting on September 15th 2021 to talk about provincial bargaining priorities.

The meeting agenda and zoom link will be sent out a week before the meeting. Please bookmark the date in order to participate!

2021-2022 Staff and PD Reps

Send your 2021-22 Staff and PD Rep names to the CTA office as soon as possible.

Email to Pat, padolf@cta43.org

SD43 Teachers: Creative Connections Exhibition

Place des Arts September 3 - October 3, 2021

The teachers of School District 43 are creative individuals who are dedicated to pursuing their own art practices in connection with, and outside of, their duties of teaching students. The works in this exhibition are samples of the varied and creative talent amongst SD43 staff. This exhibition includes artwork in a variety of mediums produced within the past year. Time spent away from teaching, such as summer or Spring Break, are the most fruitful times for art production; having breathing space before and after creating makes it easier to get back into a personal creative zone. We hope you enjoy seeing what we have been up to outside the classroom!

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
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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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