

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

Bargaining

Just a brief update on the status of Bargaining, locally and provincially. Locally, we have set some dates for bargaining and will be meeting with our Bargaining Committee shortly to develop objectives and language. Provincially, there will be a Bargaining Conference at the end of October to develop Provincial objectives and instruct the Provincial team on what to seek in bargaining. Previous to that, there will be a BCTF Zone Meeting, which will also contribute to the discussion, in a small way.

Surplus in Schools

I had some concern with the way things were shaping up over the summer, that we would be looking at a somewhat significant level of September surplus. Nothing at all like what happened last year, which was driven by unprecedented Covid-based drawdowns of International Ed work but, a little bit larger than the expected level for Sept. I am pleased to report that thus far, there are fewer schools in surplus than anticipated. Also, there are far more schools opening divisions than losing them so, people surplused will land safely. It's still disruptive and upsetting but, at least there is ample work to hand out. High school remains a work in progress, as it's a bit more complex than Elementary and Middle and high schools can often absorb a surplus internally, as many did last year. Members concerned about service (non-enrolling) support should know that this won't be determined until a little later, as 1701 numbers firm and needs-based assessments by Learning Services are completed.

In Solidarity,
Ken

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!

General Meeting

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2021
ZOOM - 4:00 PM

Zoom links have been sent, please check your email or our website

Agenda

First Nations Acknowledgement

1. Call to order

- Adoption of the agenda
- Adoption of the minutes of the General Meeting held April 21, 2021 and the Year End General Meeting held May 21, 2021.

2. President's Report

3. BCTF

- Provincial Bargaining [In-Committee]

4. School Concerns

5. Prize Draw

6. Adjournment [5:45 pm]

CTA Rep Assembly

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

Zoom - 4:00 pm

Zoom links will be sent to reps via email and will be posted on our website

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

Agenda

First Nations Acknowledgement

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



PD POWER

Welcome back! I hope that the first week back has gone smoothly for everyone and that you are settling into another school year. As the pandemic continues much of this year's pd again seems to be planned for online spaces. While there are, of course, pros and cons to this, it does make accessing international pd more cost effective! The October PSA conferences are the first big pd event of the year and will be taking place on the October 22nd pd day. Yellow forms for the PSA day will therefore be due in to the CTA office no later than 4:30pm on October 8th, 2021. Although the pd committee is looking into virtual options for this form, at this point forms CANNOT be submitted digitally and must be brought to the office. If you attended summer pd, please remember to have your receipt and conference report in to pd@cta43.org no later than 4:30pm on October 10th. - **Meggan Crawford PD Chairperson**

With heavy hearts we acknowledge the passing of Dave Ginnever and Kim Elliott

Dave was a retired Coquitlam School District intermediate teacher. He also taught music, coached sports and was a CTA rep. Dave is survived by his partner, Leila, his daughter, family and friends.

Kim was a long time teacher and coach at Centennial Secondary. A Celebration of Life is planned for September 12, 2021, [for details please click here.](#)

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!

After losing his Aunt to cancer, Australian Farmer Ben Jackson put together a beautiful tribute with the help of a few thousand sheep: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-australia-58338661>

The finalists for the 2021 Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards have been announced! With the hope of inspiring global conservation this annual contest's finalists are sure to make you smile:

https://www.comedywildlifephotography.com/gallery/finalists/2021_finalists.php

Dr. Binish Desai is turning used ppe, paper, binders and more into bricks that are strong, cheap, and more environmentally friendly than standard bricks. What started as a local effort is now receiving orders from around the world:

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/trending/meet-the-recycle-man-of-india-turning-used-ppe-kits-and-masks-into-bricks-101627290434521.html>

**BCTF**

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



COMMITTEE FOR ACTION ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

CASJ is excited for a new year, we'll be holding our first meeting very soon. A date being considered is Thursday Sept 16, join us on Microsoft Teams to keep in touch on things as they develop. We will be continuing with book clubs and planning additional events. **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.

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.

Congrats and thank you !!

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

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, September 22, 2021.

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

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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(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](#)

www.coquitlamteachers.com

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