

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

Sept. 30

I hope all of you took some time to reflect and listen to our Indigenous peoples yesterday. From what I saw and heard, many participated in their own various ways, recognizing and honouring our Indigenous peoples. Some attended gatherings, some read the calls to action and other documents, some quietly reflected, some considered their own heritage and background and, many other things. Personally, I read the works of Peter Bryce and watched a 2018 documentary called "Finding Peter Bryce". Bryce courageously tried to let the world know about the crimes being committed in Residential Schools, in 1907. We most fervently hope that a corner has been turned here in our relationship with First Peoples and that we will never return to the hateful events of history and the present.

BCTF Zone Meeting

Today and tomorrow, the officers and many members will be attending the BCTF Zone Meeting. This is a less formal way to sponsor open discussion by Local Presidents, Bargaining Chairs, H&S Reps, Aboriginal Education, Bargaining Chairs, French Language reps, etc. The dialogue and discussion these meetings create is valuable in advancing the interests of all the different locals attending. The office is open today and we will respond to inquiries but, it may be a little delayed so, have patience.

K-3 Mask Mandate

It seems a synchronicity of events and actions struck this morning. The CTA has been engaging the employer on expanding the mask mandate already this year but, this morning, we sent a letter of support and encouragement to the Board to help them make a decision to expand the mask mandate to K-12. Very shortly thereafter we got an answer back stating that the Ministry was about to make an announcement in this regard. At almost the same time, at the Zone Meeting, Teri confirmed that the mask mandate would be expanded to include K-3 province wide.

This is all very good news and we are glad to hear it from all these sources.

The new mandate takes effect on Monday, October 4th.

In Solidarity,
Ken

CTA Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, October 6, 2021 4PM via Zoom

Zoom links have been sent and meeting documents are posted on our website (General Info Page)

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



#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.

CTA GUIDING PRINCIPLES 2021 - 2022

- To enforce the contractual rights of all CTA members and empower the school union team as defenders of the collective agreement.
- To engage and involve members in the business of the CTA and its committees and raise awareness of professional rights and responsibilities of CTA members.
- To advocate for public education and supports to members.
- To advocate for racialized/BIPOC members.

CTA PRIORITIES 2021 - 2022

- To hold trustees and school board officials accountable for their management of the district.
- To actively encourage members to participate in local level activism and support CTA committees in their work.
- To engage members in the bargaining process.
- To advocate for resources and supports for members to care for their mental and physical well-being.
- To advocate for support for members in the COVID environment with health and safety and educational priorities.
- To actively engage in meaningful work around the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action, the Missing & Murdered Women and Girls Calls to Justice, and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and to support members in doing the same.
- To actively engage in meaningful work around anti-racism and anti-oppression advocacy, and to support members in doing the same.



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>

PD POWER

There is only one week left to submit your yellow forms for reimbursement for the October 22nd PSA Day conferences! As always, forms are due to the CTA office no later than 4:30pm at least two weeks before the start date of the event and cannot be submitted digitally. If you have not yet decided on what you would like to do, check out the BCTF calendar (<https://www.bctf.ca/whats-happening/event-calendar>) and the individual PSA's sites for more information on the options available to you (listed at: <https://www.bctf.ca/contacts#provincial-specialist-associations>). These conferences are, once again, running virtually, but there are a lot of amazing options for you to choose from. As per the employer's direction, you must be on site if you are attending a virtual event (i.e. at school, not working from home). If you are applying for reimbursement, please remember that each teacher (including TTOCs) is eligible for two successful yellow form reimbursements from May 1st to April 30th of each year. We reimburse 100% of the first \$80 and up to half of the remainder, but cannot reimburse for taxes, booking fees, etc. Thank you to all the school PD reps who attended training this week! We appreciate your taking the time to do this important role at your sites.

- **Meggan Crawford PD Chairperson**

Yellow PD Forms for

PSA Day are due at the CTA Office by 4:30 pm October 8

They WILL NOT arrive on time in school mail, please deliver them to the CTA office, no digital submissions will be approved



[Check out the #PSAday page, your one-stop spot for BCTF Provincial Specialist Associations \(PSA\) Fall PSA day conferences.](#)

Coquitlam Teachers' Association



Lending Library

<https://ctalibrary.libib.com>

Email lendinglibrary@cta43.org to create an account.

EVERY CHILD MATTERS IS GROWING FROM A SINGLE DAY TO A FULL WEEK OF TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION PROGRAMMING.



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



**COMMITTEE FOR
ACTION ON SOCIAL
JUSTICE**

Book Club will continue on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. **Our second session will be Oct 14th at 4 pm on teams.**

We will be discussing Chapter 8 and the concluding chapter of Robyn Maynard's Policing Black Lives.

We are already discussing options for our next book, please join us on teams to be part of this conversation! For our next book, we are looking to find titles from authors who speak from an intersectional perspective on matters of race and, ideally, also Canadian. The intention is find authors that speak from an intersectional lived experience as opposed to someone speaking from outside this experience. If this interests you, check us out on Teams. New members welcome!!

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.

TTOC Committee

Next committee meeting will be on Tues Nov 2nd at 4pm via zoom. In the meantime, connect with us

on Facebook to join our community at 'CTA TTOCs'.

Those in formalised roles in the TTOC committee are looking to transition from those roles, we need more folks to get involved. If you or anyone you know would like to get involved, please do reach out.

Anyone who is working as a TTOC, even if they have a part-time contract, are eligible for membership in the TTOC committee. If you know someone who comes to mind as a good candidate, please send us the names and we'll do some shoulder tapping. There are some opportunities for paid work in getting involved with the TTOC committee and many more opportunities to learn about your rights and getting involved in advocacy efforts.

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

CTA Anti Racism Working Group

(7 BIPOC CTA members)

The CTA is seeking 7 BIPOC CTA members to form a working group to inform the Committee for Action on Social Justice's (CASJ) ongoing anti-racism policy work. This working group shall continue until a CTA standing committee on anti-racism is established. Meeting dates/times will be established once the working group is formed. If you have any questions about the working group please contact Diether Malakoff, 2nd Vice President at dmalakoff@cta43.org.

Please submit a CV form to the CTA office (padolf@cta43.org) before 4 pm, Wednesday, October 13, 2021.

Congrats and Thank You!

Committee Appointments

Marina Mehai (Port Moody) -

District Student Achievement Advisory Committee

Michelle Allen Ciolfitto (Learning Services) -

PD Committee as Learning Services Rep.

Ronak Pahlevanlu (Riverside) -

BCTF Professional Issues Advisory Committee

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!

Firemen jumped into action to save this toddler whose toy bike was out of control on a downhill slope:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zz9WAeKY7gk>

Coquitlam students are competing to create experiments to run in space!

<https://www.tricitynews.com/local-news/coquitlam-area-students-compete-for-experiment-to-ride-on-musks-spacex-rocket-4350707>

A BC bear wanted their turn on the swing in this Port Coquitlam yard: Caught on camera: B.C. bear just wants to be a big kid on a swing | [Globalnews.ca](https://www.globalnews.ca)

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

CTA PD Committee

2 Middle Reps, 1 Secondary Rep, 1 LSA Rep
2 Elementary Reps, 1 Adult Ed Rep, 1 TTOC Rep

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

1 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](#)

www.coquitlamteachers.com

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