

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

Reporting Order Changes

The Ministry is going through a period of public consultation on its recently proposed changes to the Provincial Reporting Order. The Order is the legislation that governs how reporting will be done in the school system. Typically, these get a renovation about once a decade or so. This is NOT the slough of report card format changes that have happened over the last several years serially. The Reporting Order articulates minimum reporting levels and types of reporting that the Ministry of Education expects. It usually is focused on an Elementary or linear model and so, there are sometimes some variance in practices for Secondaries that use semester systems or Middle School. It is framed throughout as the minimum standard not, the maximum.

The District just struck a committee to solicit feedback from employee groups and internal stakeholders here on the Reporting Order. The CTA elected six practicing teachers from all three levels to participate in this committee. The committee will probably meet a total of eight times during this school year to inform the District feedback on the Reporting Order. We are grateful for the volunteerism of teachers at this difficult and trying time. Your representatives are:

Dana Asher
Christy Livingstone
Jenn Moody
Tara Olchoway
Lauren Rotzien
Nevena Savovic

As an individual member of the general public, you can also weigh in with your thoughts on this order. See the link below for a link to a provincial survey on this subject:

<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/consultation/studentreporting/>

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Vaccine Mandates

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So far, we are still awaiting some kind of official framework on any proposed vaccine mandate for K-12 here. BCPSEA has put out guidance which was clearly created to slow the roll of enthusiastic districts, get them to consider all the implications and, maybe, await direction. You will have all read by now Teri's commentary on this from October 7th. It does appear this is tacking towards this being left up to individual School Boards. Dr. Henry is clearly not going to institute a mandate under her authority as PHO. Leaving this in the hands of boards of education is a disastrous and ineffective way to implement something like this. A hodge-podge of approaches across the province will likely see this imposed less, where it is needed more and more, where it's needed less. BCTF and BCPSEA are in talks to try to harmonize any approach and protect due process and members' rights but, there is no way to know if or how these will bear fruit. Thus, we await developments, as usual....

In Solidarity,
Ken



November 2 - 4, 2021

8:45 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Staff Rep Training will be held via Zoom again this year. A link to sign up for the day of training was sent to all Staff Reps on October 8th.

You will need to register in Cvent using the link provided and then book your leave in CADS right away. Each day has a maximum of 30 attendees. If your first choice is full, please select a different day to attend.

Staff Rep training will be attended from home. The deadline to register is October 25th. You will receive your zoom links closer to the date of training.

Well Teacher Group Sessions

Last school year, the BCTF made the decision to work with Wade Repta—author of The Well Teacher—to develop a new group wellness program to replace Living with Balance. The program is based on the book of the same name and was designed to support in-person groups or offered virtually. They typically run for six weeks after school or in the evening and are facilitated by our rehabilitation consultants who are located in communities across the province. The groups provide an opportunity for participants to develop a wellness plan and connect and share strategies and resources to support their physical and mental health.

The website for The Well Teacher Groups is now live and can be accessed using the following link:

www.bctf.ca/wellteachergroups.

Coquitlam & Burnaby Sessions

Name of presenters: Darby Eakins and Christy de Bulnes

Workshop dates: Tuesdays beginning November 2 to December 7, 2021

Time of workshop: 4:00–6:00 p.m. PST

Executive Committee Openings

There are currently two vacant

Member at Large

positions open on the CTA Executive Committee

If you are interested in running for one of these positions please go to our website to get and submit a CV to Pat Adolf padolf@cta43.org by Nov. 8, 2021

Observers needed at the BCTF Bargaining Conference

The BCTF's virtual 2021 Bargaining Conference will be held over 3 days: October 28–30, 2021.

One of the BCTF Priorities in 2020–21 is creating an equitable and inclusive union in which the structures, processes, and culture ensure that all members can count on access, agency, and a sense of belonging. Toward this end, additional spaces for observers have been designated to support access to the 2021 Bargaining Conference.

The BCTF is inviting members who would not otherwise be attending the 2021 BCTF Bargaining Conference to attend as an observer (without voting rights) to this event:

- 10 observers who are members in their first five years of teaching
- 10 observers who are members who identify as Black, Indigenous/Aboriginal, and/or persons of colour members
- 10 observers who are members and work as TTOCs.

Selection will be completed by the BCTF Executive Committee and will consider geographic representation, as well as providing this opportunity first to members who may not have attended a Bargaining Conference or other large Federation meetings in the past.

Deadline: Monday, October 18, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

To apply please complete the online application form on the BCTF website

PD POWER



We are proud to introduce another of our keynote speakers for our February 25th, 2022 PD Day: Cicely Belle Blain. Cicely Belle Blain is a Black/mixed, queer non-binary femme from London, UK now living on the lands of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh people. Their ancestry is a mix of Gambian (Wolof), Jamaican and English. Cicely Belle spent their formative years between London, the Netherlands and a small Catholic village in France - each home presenting a pivotal opportunity for awakening and growth. Cicely Belle is descended from a long line of feminist educators and developed a passion for justice from a young age. Cicely Belle is noted for founding Black Lives Matter Vancouver and subsequently being listed as one of Vancouver's 50 most powerful people by Vancouver Magazine twice, BC Business's 30 under 30 and one of Refinery29's Powerhouses of 2020. Cicely Belle is also an instructor in Executive Leadership at Simon Fraser University, the Editorial Director of Ripple of Change Magazine and the author of Burning Sugar (Arsenal Pulp Press and VS Books, 2020).



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

CTA PD DAY
Presenter Registration
Opens Tuesday! **2022**

If you know someone that would be a great presenter for our February 2022 PD Day let us know or encourage them to contact Meggan mcrawford@cta43.org or Pat padolf@cta43.org for more information or a link to register.

KATIE WHITE

Assessment Learning Series

The Coast Metro Consortium is offering two, free, parallel three-part professional learning after school series from 3:30~5:30:

1. Elem-Middle focus on Mondays
November: Nov 1, 8 and 15
1. Middle-Secondary focus on Thursdays
Oct 28, Nov 4 and Nov 18

The content of each series is the same; the examples shared will target younger (Mon.) or older (Thu.) learners respectively: By the end of this three-part series, participants will be able to design more inclusive assessments and be able to apply new assessment strategies to a broader scope of learners. You'll walk away with practical examples, guidance on things to try now, and ways to support one another in keeping the momentum.

Learning together will enhance the experience and applicability. Consider working with a small team at your school and sharing one link at each session in the series. Coquitlam has access to a maximum of 90 links per series as we are sharing access with 12 other districts.

Please plan to attend all three sessions in your chosen series.

Fill out the following registration form so we can appropriately allocate the limited links.





COMMITTEE FOR ACTION ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

CASJ Bookclub will be meeting on the first Thursday of each month this year.

We will be starting the next series focusing on Mariame Kaba's "We Do This 'Til We Free Us". We will meet on **Thursday Nov 4th at 4pm** to discuss Part 1 of Kaba's book. Meetings will run online via Teams while also having the option to meet in-person at a site that has yet to be determined.

Join us on teams to keep up with things as they develop.

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 Hoodies AVAILABLE TO ORDER

These are unisex hoodies in antique cherry, with the CTA logo embroidered in white on the chest (left front).

Hoodies will be \$22 each and are available in sizes Small to 3XL

Orders need to be in by 4:30 October 22, 2021

We will be making one large order and hope to have them in before Winter Break.

Once in they will be available for pick up or delivery.

[Click here to order now](#)

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Association*



*Lending Library
<https://ctalibrary.libib.com>
Email lendinglibrary@cta43.org to create an account.*



The BCTF has made
some great changes to
their website take a look
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 seventy-seven years of marriage this Iowa couple finally had some wedding photos taken:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/2021/10/10/hospice-workers-help-couple-take-wedding-photos/>

Firefighters in Virginia donned superhero capes and costumes to repel down the side of a Children's Hospital and greet patients:

<https://people.com/human-interest/virginia-firefighters-dress-as-superheroes-rappel-down-childrens-hospital-to-surprise-patients/>

This golden retriever finally did it - but what's he supposed to do now that he caught his tail?

https://twitter.com/cctv_idiots/status/1448932847365107712?s=20

What's worse: eating something you don't like or letting your sibling have it? These two dogs deal with just that: Epic pickle power struggle takes place between two doggies ([msn.com](https://www.msn.com))

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](mailto:kstewart@cta43.org)

www.coquitlamteachers.com

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