

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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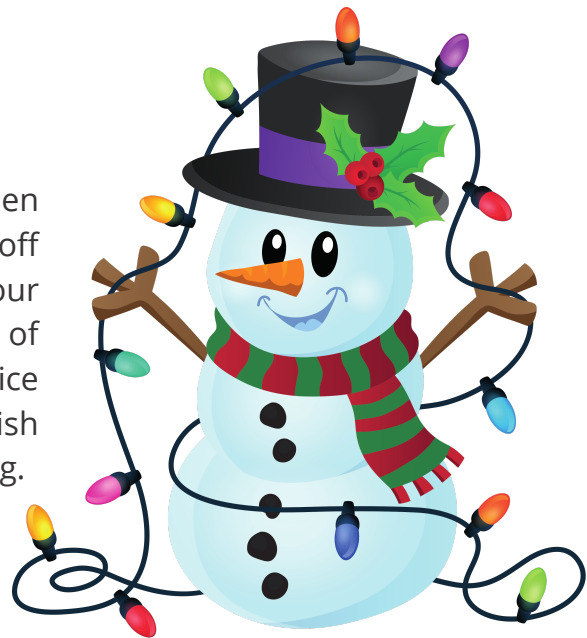


President's Message

Happy Holidays!

I think we are all looking forward to the Winter Break here. It's been a tough stretch since the start of the year and that's now capped off with more uncertain weather as we close in on our time with our families, friends and other loved ones. There are certainly lots of things I could talk about here but, I think I'm going to make a choice of conscious. I will just say that the officers and staff of the CTA wish you all the best and hope that the break is restful and rejuvenating.

In Solidarity,
Ken



CTA Rep Assembly

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 4PM via Zoom

Zoom links will be sent closer to the meeting

Agenda

First Nations Acknowledgement

1. Call to Order
 - Adoption of the agenda
 - Adoption of the minutes of the the Rep Assembly held November 17, 2021.
2. Ratification of Committee Appointments
3. Adjournment

CTA General Meeting

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 4:10 PM via Zoom

Zoom links will be sent closer to the meeting

Agenda

1. Call to Order
 - Adoption of the agenda
 - Adoption of the minutes of the the General Meeting held November 17, 2021.
2. Election
 - CTA Delegates to the 2022 BCTF AGM
 - CTA Executive Committee positions [if CV's recieved]
3. President's Report
4. Bargaining [In-Committee]
5. Proposed CTA Bylaw and Policy changes
6. School Concerns
7. Prize Draw
8. Adjournment [5:45]



Happy Holidays

All of us at the CTA Office wish you a relaxing holiday, filled with happiness and good cheer!

Ken Kara Diether Pat
Kelly R Corby Kelly S Meggan
Andy Heidi

BCTF AGM Delegates

The 2021 BCTF AGM will be held March 19 - 22, 2022
Location and format still to be determined.

The CTA will elect 26 delegates to the BCTF AGM
at our General Meeting, January 19, 2022.

Please submit your CV form to
padolf@cta43.org before January 12, 2022
Forms can be found on our website
<https://www.coquitlamteachers.com/portal/portal-page/cta-forms/>

Executive Committee Openings

There are currently three vacant

3 Members at Large

1 Member at Large - Person of Colour
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](https://www.coquitlamteachers.com/portal/portal-page/cta-forms/) to Pat Adolf padolf@cta43.org by January 12, 2022.

CTA OFFICE Winter Break Closures

The CTA Office will **close at noon on Thursday, December 16th, 2021** for our annual office clean up. Please leave a message or email with any needs, we will respond as soon as we can.



The office will be closed for Winter Break from Saturday, December 18th, 2021 to Tuesday, January 4th, 2022.

CTA Anti Racism Working Group

The CTA is seeking 3 more 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, January 12, 2021.

Help Minnekhada Students continue their Support efforts for BC Flood Victims

The gr. 6/7 class at Minnekhada Middle continues to raise money to support the people impacted by the recent extreme weather and floods in B.C. The provincial and federal government are matching every donation made through the link below. So, every dollar donated will triple! Let's work together to empower students to give back, help others, and make a positive impact. Let's work together to help them reach \$10 000 online

<https://www.redcross.ca/bcfloods/minnekhadamiddleschool>

CTA Sweatshirt Delivery

The CTA hoodies have been delivered to school offices. If you have not received or been contacted regarding your hoodie please contact Heidi, hdavis@cta43.org

There are a few hoodies available for purchase as well, please contact Heidi for more information.

Congrats and Thank you!!

Congratulations and thank you to the following teachers for your time volunteering on District and CTA committees.

Elaan Bauder (Inquiry Hub) and Rick Botero (Eagle Ridge Elementary) **District Technology Advisory Committee**

Shaunna Martin (Heritage Woods Secondary) - **District Student Wellness & Safety Committee**

Ryan McMahon (Pinetree Secondary), Ron Morwick (Blakeburn Elementary) and Amanda Roberts (Port Moody Secondary) - **CTA PD Committee**



Pension Seminars & Information

BC Pension Corporation offers the following virtual workshops;

Getting to know your pension is a 15-minute online introduction of the Teachers' Pension Plan.

Making the most of your pension is a presentation for the mid-career member and will answer all their pension questions. It can be experienced either as a 45-minute online interactive video or as an instructor-led webinar.

Approaching retirement is a presentation for those within five years of retirement to discuss pension options, the retirement application process, and returning to work after a member has started collecting a pension. It can also be experienced either as a 45-minute online course or as an instructor-led webinar.

The BCRTA's pre-retirement workshop is available via Zoom.

The BCRTA may be contacted [here](#) to register for a workshop.

Workshop dates for 2021-22 include:

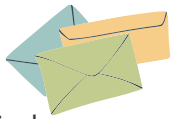
January 19, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
February 16, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.
March 2, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
April 6, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
April 20, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
May 11, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.
May 19, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
May 25, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
June 1, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.



PD POWER

The break is within sight! I hope that the two-week break gives everyone a chance to rest and recharge as we start 2022. Keep in mind that if you are planning to do any professional development in the new year you can still receive partial reimbursement via the yellow form. Every teacher in the district, including TTOCs, is eligible for two completed yellow form reimbursements between May 1st and April 30th. Whether you are attending an in-person event or doing a multi-session online program, there is funding available. The same policy applies to these reimbursements as what you experienced for the PSA day in October. The form must be in the CTA office at least two weeks before the start of the event (earlier is fine!) – we cannot accept this original submission digitally. Make sure you have all the signatures and that you've attached program details to your form. After the event you will have a month to complete your conference report and submit it, along with your receipt, to pd@cta43.org. We will then complete the processing and your reimbursement will make its way to you within a few weeks. Take advantage of the funding that is available and find pd that is best for you! - **Meggan Crawford PD Chair**

PD CHEQUES IN THE MAIL



Reimbursement cheques for the PSA Day went out in the school mail over the last few weeks, most should have arrived by today. If you submitted all necessary receipts and reports and have not received your PD reimbursement please email pd@cta43.org after the break and let us know so we are able to look into it for you.



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Lending Library

<https://ctalibrary.libib.com>

Email lendinglibrary@cta43.org to create an account.

Transforming Perspectives

February 25th, 2022

Keynote Speakers including: Tanya Talaga, Dr. Shauneen Pete, Cicely Belle Blain, Kevin Lamoureux, & Dustin Louie



Engineering Outreach Workshops

Pro-D Days | UBC Geering Up

Geering Up offers professional development programs for teachers, which focus on integrating STEM activities into your classroom. We also offer classroom workshops where we host activities that consist of exciting software-based and hands-on activities.



UBC Geering Up
Engineering Outreach

Perimeter Institute

Online PD Sessions

Our professional development workshops for STEM educators are continually being scheduled. Sign up for email updates to receive notification when new sessions are open for registration.





COMMITTEE FOR ACTION ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

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

On **Thurs Jan 6, 2022 (at 4pm on Teams)** we will be discussing part IV and V of Mariame Kaba's "We Do This 'Til We Free Us".

Meetings will run online via Teams while also having the option to meet in-person at a site that has yet to be determined.

Next committee meeting will be Thurs Dec 16, 2021 at 4pm on Teams.

We're in the process of lining up our next projects for the new year. If you have ideas or want to get involved in the next sequence of projects, now is a good time! Come on out, bring a friend! No experience necessary, new members welcome!!

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!

After finding an injured parrot, this dog gained a new best friend: Dog Finds An Injured Parrot And They Become Best Friends | The Dodo Odd Couples - YouTube

The snowy weather got them stranded in a pub in the UK, but they made the best of their weekend with trivia, karaoke, and new friendships: Customers and staff trapped at highest pub in Britain (yahoo.com)

A long forgotten cookbook from a school cafeteria was rediscovered and is now spreading tasty recipes and fond memories once again: Forgotten cookbook connects community with favorite recipes from the past (yahoo.com)

After already postponing due to Covid, this wedding reception was determined to go ahead, despite the groom coming down with food poisoning. They made a stand in out of a steamer, pool cues, a suit, and an iPad: Groom misses wedding with food poisoning, bride improvises | Toronto Sun



Artwork by
Adelaide (K) & Emilka (1)
Kilmer Elementary

TTOC COMMITTEE

**Next committee meeting will be
Tues January 11, 2022 at 4pm via zoom.**

Connect with us on Facebook to join our community at 'CTA TTOCs'.

We need more members to get involved.

If you or anyone you know would like to get involved, please do reach out.

Anyone working as a TTOC, even a part-time contract, are eligible for membership in the TTOC committee.

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



TTOC COVID SUPPORT FUND



The CTA is committed to continuing support for our TTOC's during these unprecedented times. A fund was established last school year and grocery store gift cards are still available to our TTOC Community.

For an application or if you have any questions please contact Diether Malakoff dmalakoff@cta43.org or Heidi Davis hdavis@cta43.org

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

CTA PD Committee

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

District Student Wellness & Safety Committee

1 CTA Rep

District Aboriginal Ed Advisory Committee

Currently Full

District French Advisory Committee

Currently Full

District Technology Advisory Committee

2 CTA Reps

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
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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
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

