

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

Welcome Back!

Welcome to the weirdness of the return to school manifesting itself this new year. We have this odd week with few children. I am not convinced this is going to do much to stem the spread of Omicron, since we really weren't the source of much spread to begin with. However, it does provide us with an opportunity to plan for some eventualities that may occur. It is highly recommended that teachers plan for a return to online, plan for the return of students next week and reiterate and reinforce safety protocols in schools. We don't have as many prescriptions as last year but, existing practices can still be continued or enhanced.

It is also highly recommended that teachers keep their eyes open for booster shot availability and get their booster asap. Remember, there is a three-hour leave available to get the shot, just bear in mind that you won't likely get a TTOC for that, as it falls under minimum callout language.

The CTA is working on a letter of intent with the employer for work-from-home (online) situations and redeployment in the event of functional closures. Of course, we don't like redeployment (who does?) but our main goal is to support continuity of pay, should this situation present itself. We currently believe the likelihood of functional closures is low but, we need to plan for all eventualities.

This return has been the source of some anxiety for teachers and we are very aware of that. Hopefully taking some of the actions above will provide a little comfort and security as we navigate this pandemic situation together. The CTA is here to troubleshoot individual or collective situations in schools. Give us a call or email and we will help as best we can.

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

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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]

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 two vacant positions open on the CTA Executive Committee.

2 Members at Large

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 January 12, 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.

PD POWER

Welcome back! I hope that 2022 has started off well for all of you, your friends, and your families. With a new year upon us the CTA PD Day (February 25th) is coming up quickly. Much like last year's February PD Day, our event is entirely virtual and is once again collaborative with the Burnaby School District. In a few weeks, the workshop booklet will be released for you to peruse and make your selections. Registration is scheduled to open in the first week of February. There will be five options for keynote speakers and, at this point, around a hundred workshops to choose from to fill the rest of your day. Given the high number of teachers who will be registering from the two districts we encourage you to register early to avoid missing out on the workshops you want. Even though they are virtual, there are capacity limits set by both the technology limitations and by the presenters themselves for various reasons. Keep an eye on this space and your SD43 email inbox (including the "Other" tab!) for more information over the next several weeks!

- **Meggan Crawford PD Chair**

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Lending Library

<https://ctalibrary.libib.com>

Email lendinglibrary@cta43.org to create an account.



CHALLENGE AND CHANGE 2022

February 16, 17 & 18, 2022

**Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre
1088 Burrard Street, Vancouver, BC**

The 33rd Annual BCAEA Challenge & Change Conference is back after a COVID hiatus last year! We are planning to hold an in-person conference in 2022, but can pivot to a virtual format if necessary. We are delighted to feature Patrick Thomas as our keynote speaker, along with many other sessions of interest to those who work with at-risk youth. We look forward to welcoming you back in 2022!

Click here for more information
<http://www.bcaea.com/>

Transforming Perspectives

February 25th, 2022

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



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.



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 Jan 20, 2022 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!

Finding joy in challenging things was exemplified by the Vancouver Park Board's fun response to the barge that became lodged at Sunset Beach on Nov. 15: 'Barge Chilling Beach' sign installed as park board gift to Vancouver (msn.com)

This Massachusetts couple looks forward each year to recreating the Christmas card they receive from close family friends...but the couple takes the place of the two children! Every Year My Parents Recreate The Christmas Card Our Friends Send Them Of Their Kids (sunnyskyz.com)

An Australian golfer got an unexpected handicap in the form of a robber crab on his clubs. (Caution: Explicit Language in video) <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-10366709/Monstrous-Robber-crab-snaps-golf-club-clean-half-golf-game-Christmas-Island.html>

A Seattle Kraken hockey fan helped the Vancouver Canucks' assistant equipment manager recognize a cancerous mole and the two teams thanked her with a 'scholarship' to her continued medical education. Canucks equipment manager meets Kraken fan who spotted cancerous mole on his neck at game: 'She saved my life' - CBSSports.com

Pension Seminars & Information

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.



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
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

