

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

Budget

The proposed budget for the school district was dropped in last night's public board meeting. There is too much to go into here but, as always, we encourage member participation in this process. There is a meeting Tuesday, April 19th at 6:30 pm for presentations and feedback. The CTA will be presenting there, as we always do and, other presentations will no doubt happen as well. See the proposed budget, here:

<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/budget/Documents/Budget%202022-23%20and%20Fiscal%20Plan.pdf#search=2022%2D23%20budget>

5 Days' Paid Sick Leave

This item is for TTOCs, as contract teachers have superior sick leave provisions. This change comes via the Employment Standards Act and, although TTOCs were initially excluded, this has been rectified now, due to BCTF and Local Association advocacy. Unfortunately, the Government did not see fit to attach any additional resources to fund this so, the costs roll downhill to the School Districts. The employer here hopes to have their systems up and running shortly so this can work through CADS. We will keep members apprised of progress in this area. We invite TTOCs to call and discuss this with us, particularly if they find themselves in need of this time.

In Solidarity,
Ken

ELECTION OF THE 2022-2023 CTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following CTA Executive Committee positions will be filled at the
CTA Year End General Meeting Wednesday, May 11, 2022

- President
- Second Vice President
- First Vice President
- Local Reps to the BCTF (2)
- Members - at - Large (6)
- Member-at-Large who identifies as Indigenous (1)
- Member-at-Large who identifies as a person of colour (1)

Those interested in running for any of these positions should go to
coquitlamteachers.com for a CV form.

Deadline for receipt of CV form to the CTA office is **Monday, April 25, 2022.**

Please submit forms to kstewart@cta43.org.



Staff Rep TRAINING

STAFF REP TRAINING SESSION 2
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Tuesday, April 26, 2022
Wednesday, April 27, 2022
Thursday, April 28, 2022

A memo has been emailed to all Staff Reps with important information about this training. Please check your inboxes and register today!



Indigenous Focus Day
Connecting to Mother Earth through story and traditional knowledge

April 22, 2022
9am - 2:30pm

Nancy Joe
Cultural Advisor
k'w'ik'w'ālam Nation

Holly Bikadi
Author
Lil'wat Nation

Nicola I. Campbell
Author
Nl̓eʔkepmx, Syilx, and Métis

The Nl̓akmen Calendar

Stand Like A Cedar

Shape of the Day

- 9:00—Acknowledgement/ Greeting
- 9:05—Nancy Joe (k'w'ik'w'ālam Nation)
- 10:00—School based focused activity
- 10:15— Break
- 10:30— Holly Bikadi (Traditional Knowledge)
- 11:30—School based focused activity
- 12:00—Lunch
- 1:00—Nicola Campbell (Connections to Mother Earth)
- 2:00—School based focused activity
- 2:30—Closing

Register [here](#) for the Indigenous Focus Day!

PD POWER

Are you interested in being a bigger part of PD in Coquitlam? If so, the CTA PD Committee might be a good space for you to join. The PD committee meets about once a month to plan the February PD Day, discuss current trends/ideas in PD, and review any appeals. They are responsible for bringing forward PD related policy changes and updates as well as recommending motions to the various BCTF governance meetings. The PD Committee are the group responsible for the February CTA PD Day – everything from selecting a keynote, to working with leadership students, to organizing signage and room assignments on the day of is managed by the members of this committee. As we (hopefully) move back to in-person PD the committee will once again be seeking new members to be a part of the planning and execution of this event and to support PD in Coquitlam overall. You can find the CV form to apply at: Committee Vacancies - Coquitlam Teachers Association.

- Meggan Crawford PD Chair



6th Annual Adult Centered Education Conference

May 19 & 20, 2022

Executive Plaza Hotel Metro Vancouver

TWO FULL DAYS!!!

Thursday, May 19, 9:15 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Keynote - Jowi Taylor

Speaker Sessions

Panel Discussion

Dinner & Entertainment (Comedian & Casino Night)

Friday, May 20, 8:55 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Keynote - Susan Aglukark

<http://www.aceconference.net/index.html>



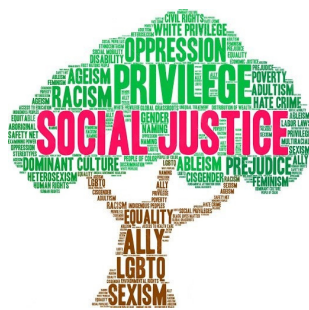
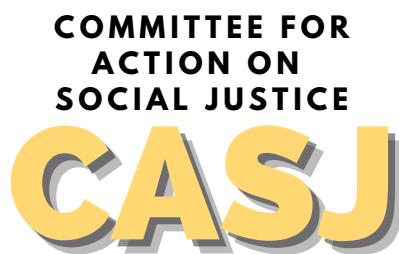
The New Teacher's Conference is a professional development opportunity designed specifically

for early career teachers with less than five year of teaching experience and teacher candidates.

This year's virtual conference will take place on the evening of May 13, 2022 and all day on May 14, 2022.

To learn more about the wide variety of workshop topics, keynote speakers, and guest presenters joining the New Teachers' Conference, visit the conference webpage.

Register now while \$25 tickets are still available, and tell your early career colleagues about this great opportunity.



CASJ BOOKCLUB

Meets the first Thursday of every month.

Thurs May 5, 2022 (4pm on Teams)

We will be continuing our "No Gods, No Monsters" discussion up to the end of the section titled "Devotion and Madness". We are working towards finishing the book by June. New members welcome!

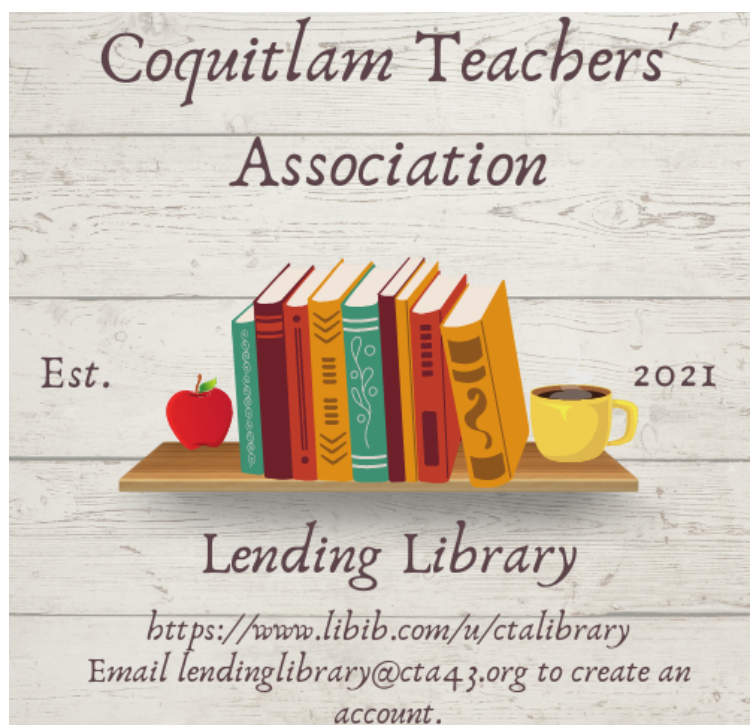
CASJ COMMITTEE

Meets the 3rd Thursday of every Month

Thursday April 21, 2022 (4pm on Teams)

We are hosting another **free movie event at 5:30pm** on this date at the Hollywood 3 Theatre in Pitt Meadows. We will be screening **Alanis Obomsawin's film 'The People of the Kattawapiskak River'**. Details are still coming together but we'll likely hold the committee meeting ahead of screening the film and likely somewhere near to the theatre.

CTA CASJ is now on Instagram! Find us at [socialjusticecta](#). We're also on FB at CTA CASJ. No experience necessary, new members welcome!! Please contact Committee Chair [Karen Learmonth](#) or CTA liaison [Diether Malakoff](#) with any questions.



Moments of Joy

What do you do when your cat has a penchant for 'borrowing' things from your neighbours? You set up a return shelf to try and return them: [Cat Steals So Many Items From UK Neighbors She Set-Up a Klepto-Cat Box So They Can be Reclaimed \(goodnewsnetwork.org\)](#)

After a stranger rudely bumped into her and disrupted her ticket selection, this woman was shocked to discover she won \$10 million dollars on the 'unwanted' ticket: [Woman Accidentally Wins \\$10 Million On Scratch-Off Ticket After Stranger Bumps Into Her \(sunnyskyz.com\)](#)

With his piano in tow, Joe Jenkins plays wherever he can manage – outside Buckingham Palace, on a ship, or even in a hot air balloon! (4) [Joe Jenkins - YouTube](#)

Who knew that calculators could create beautiful music!? Thank you to Kelly Stewart for recommending this moment of joy: <https://mashable.com/video/robot-calculator-music>

TTOCs & New Teachers

TTOC COMMITTEE

Meets the second Tuesday of every month

Tues May 10, 2022 at 4pm via zoom.

Further details on the meeting including a link to access the meeting is available in the [TTOC FB Group](#) under 'events'. Although TTOC committee meetings do have some structure and business, there is also plenty of time to chat and discuss concerns, ask questions, and otherwise connect with folks. All CTA members welcome, no experience necessary. ☺ Come on out and bring a friend!

TTOC BOOKCLUB

We'll be reading Jane McAlevey's *No Shortcuts: Organizing for Power in the New Gilded Age*. If you're interested in being part of that conversation, we'll be discussing chapters 5 and 6 at the next TTOC committee meeting. Join us on Facebook at CTA TTOCs for further details including getting access to the book.

Contact TTOC committee chair Morgan McKee (chair.ttoc@gmail.com) or Diether Malakoff (dmalakoff@cta43.org) if you have any questions about the committee or the bookclub.

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

CTA PD Committee

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

CTA Teachers Teaching on Call Committee

7 members-at-large

CTA Committee of Action on Social Justice (CASJ)

2 Middle Reps, 1 member at large rep, 1 Elementary Rep

New Westminster & District Labour Council

5 CTA reps

CTA Adult Educators

1 Learning Centre Rep

CTA Policy and Procedure Committee

1 Member at large 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

1 CTA Rep

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 (kstewart@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

Membership Database, Website Access, Committees, Scholarships

Kelly Stewart, Office Clerk - kstewart@cta43.org

Office Clerk, CTA PD Day

Corbey Heyes-Jones, Office Clerk corbeyhj@cta43.org

If your situation is already being handled by an officer not matching your alpha assignment, please continue to liaise with that officer.



1-800-663-1142

TTY: 1-888-384-1152

International (Call collect):
604-689-1717

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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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