

# COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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## President's Message

### Year End General Meeting

I'm writing this in advance of the CTA Year End General Meeting today. Looking forward to seeing people and discussing the course of this absolutely bizarre year. Lots of change, lots of strain, some joy, and certainly one of the most complex years in my many down here at the CTA. Teachers contributed mightily to any success this year has demonstrated, despite being stretched to the breaking point by the challenges of the year. Thanks to all members of the CTA for their effort and commitment to education, in these trying times.

### Layoff and Recall

Many of the teachers in receipt of a layoff notice attended the layoff meeting yesterday, hosted by Nadine Tambellini. A great deal of information was presented, discussion had, and questions answered. For anyone still with questions regarding this unpleasant artifact of the current financial circumstances of the District, please reach out to us at the CTA. It's an unfortunate situation that has developed a lot of expertise over time down here.

### Posting Information

People intending to post on jobs are encouraged to attend a Posting Information Meeting for Teachers and TTOCs, again hosted by Nadine Tambellini, next Tuesday at 3:30 pm on Teams. Every year, the CTA deals with many questions and concerns regarding the posting process and if some of those can be answered in advance, we are more than happy to help facilitate getting those answers for teachers.

In Solidarity,  
Ken

# CTA Year End General Meeting

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

4 - 6 PM, Via ZOOM

Links and documents can be found on website under Member Resources, General Information

## Agenda

Acknowledgement of the Territories

1. Call to Order

Adoption of the agenda.

2. Election of 2022-23 CTA Executive Committee

3. President's Report

4. Ratification of Committee Chairpersons 2022-23

5. Policy changes as recommended by

April 27, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting

6. Bargaining [In-Committee]

7. Committee Reports

8. Other Business

9. Prize Draws

10. Adjournment

## BCTF Pension Seminars

The BCTF will be presenting virtual pension seminars on **Wednesdays in May** available to all members via Zoom.

The content of the seminars will be valuable for all members, especially for those considering retirement in the near future.

The seminars are intended to help members learn about:

- how their pension plan works.
- factors to consider when planning for retirement.
- their pension options.
- whom to contact for more information/advice.

**The Zoom link to attend the session on May 4, 11, 18, or 25 can be found here.**

This event is also listed under the BCTF events tab at: <https://www.bctf.ca/whats-happening/event-calendar>.

If members are not able to attend these sessions, they may contact Sarbrinder Singh Lalli directly at [slalli@bctf.ca](mailto:slalli@bctf.ca).

## LOCAL RATIFICATION VOTE

**Monday May 16 to Wednesday May 18, 2022**

An email with the information below was sent yesterday, May 10, 2022 please check your inbox for more information and instructions.

The ratification vote for the local agreement-in-committee will be by secret ballot using the Simply Voting online platform.

**Please be diligent about checking your email, including your junk or spam folders after 11:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 15, 2022 for your personalized voter package.** Make sure the BCTF has your current email address as that is where the email will be sent. You can access your profile online on their website [bctf.ca](http://bctf.ca)

You will receive an email from the British Columbia Teachers' Federation (Local 43 – Coquitlam Teachers' Association) using the address [vote@simplyvoting.com](mailto:vote@simplyvoting.com).

That email will include a link specific to you as an eligible voter. Once voting officially opens, you just need to click that link and vote. You don't need any other information. The link is already personalized for you.

If you still don't have the email with your voting link by noon on May 16 (make sure to check your spam/junk folders), please call **Kelly Roberts, the Designated Local Contact, at 604-936-9971 by 4:00 p.m.** (or sooner if possible).

If you have general questions about the vote, your eligibility, or the process as a whole, you can call Kelly Roberts at 604-936-9971.

## **BCTF Member-at-Large** *Call for Nominations*

A resignation has created a vacancy on the BCTF Executive Committee. Therefore, the 2022 Spring RA will be electing a Member-at-Large position for a one-year term, for which any active member of the BCTF in good standing may be nominated.

Nominations must be submitted on the BCTF nomination form in writing and signed by the candidate. The form must include either the names and signature of 10 active members in good standing, or a letter from the local reporting that the nomination was made by a general meeting of the local.

**Nominations received by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 18, 2022,** will allow for the Federation to publish the candidates information online for Local Representatives, Local Presidents, and the membership the following week.

You can find additional details, including a link to the nomination form and the requirements for the submission of a statement, bio, and photo in the BCTF News published May 11.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the BCTF Nominating Chairperson, Andy Closkey, ([nominatingchair@bctf.ca](mailto:nominatingchair@bctf.ca)) or Amber Mitchell (at 604-871-2156, or [amitchell@bctf.ca](mailto:amitchell@bctf.ca)).

# PD POWER

Several universities are offering opportunities for people to audit certain online courses (MOOCs – Massive Open Online Courses) at no cost. These courses are normally self-paced and can be completed independently – there is no set start or end date, and you can work through them whenever you have time. Through recorded 'lectures', articles/readings, research highlights, and suggested websites, you can engage in learning about an array of topics, including the Arctic, Astronomy, Indigenous histories, Anti-Racism, Gender Equity, Mental Health Literacy, Neurodiversity, Paleontology, Computer Programming, Science Literacy, and much more!

Visit [University of Toronto Online Courses](#) | [Coursera](#) for MOOCs from the University of Toronto.

Visit [Massive Open Online Courses \(MOOCs\)](#) | [University of Alberta](#) (ualberta.ca) for MOOCs from the University of Alberta.

Visit [Open Online Courses \(ubc.ca\)](#) for MOOCs from the University of British Columbia.

Other options are available through Coursera (some with a cost) at [Coursera](#) | [Degrees, Certificates, & Free Online Courses](#)

- Meggan Crawford PD Chair

ACE 2022

## 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>

## Moments of Joy

A Canada goose chose a beautiful spot to nest – near the Digital Orca sculpture at the Vancouver Convention Centre. The area has been cordoned off to protect her and her nest: [Mother goose chooses Vancouver Convention Centre to nest](#) | [Vancouver Sun](#)

A good lesson on growing your own vegetables, and a good laugh for everyone else: [Holly Willoughby Left Mortified Over Hilarious Corn On The Cob Confusion](#) | [HuffPost UK Entertainment](#) ([huffingtonpost.co.uk](http://huffingtonpost.co.uk))

A two year old couldn't contain his joy when he saw his Mom and it made for an extra special walk down the aisle [2-year-old steals the show at mom's wedding after running down the aisle to greet her - ABC News](#) ([go.com](http://go.com)).

## EVERGREEN CULTURAL CENTRE

### School Programs May 7, 2022 to June 17, 2022

Inspired by our exhibition Semá:th Xo:tsa:Sts'ólemeqwelh Sxó:tsa / Great Gramma's Lake. Learn, explore, and create through art! Led by our artist Educators, your visit includes a tour of our Art Gallery exhibition for inspiration and conversation, followed by hands-on art making in the studio.

**SD43 teachers contact the box office to inquire about free workshops!**

### SCHOOL PROGRAM OPTIONS

**Sketch-in (sketching and colouring) Grades K-12**

**Available Mondays and Tuesdays from May 7th to June 17th, 2022 Cost: \$120**

Following a gallery tour of the new exhibition, Semá:th Xo:tsa: Sts'ólemeqwelh Sxó:tsa / Great Gramma's Lake, students will have a chance to sketch in the gallery, inspired by the masks of Stó:lō master carver E'yies'lek Rocky LaRock or the large-scale puppets on display. Students will then head to our studio to add colour to their composition and create a finished artwork.

**Make a Face (Clay Masks) Grades K-12**

**Available Wednesdays - Fridays from May 7th to June 3rd, 2022 Cost: \$135**

Tour the new exhibition, Semá:th Xo:tsa: Sts'ólemeqwelh Sxó:tsa / Great Gramma's Lake and find inspiration from the forms and expressions of the masks created by Stó:lō master carver E'yies'lek Rocky LaRock. In the studio, students will use slab hand- building techniques to create a mini clay mask character of their own. Masks will be glazed and fired. Clay processing takes four weeks and teachers will receive an email when it is time to pick up the art.

### BOOKING DETAILS

K-2 max class size: 24 students + 3 adult chaperons  
Grades 3+ max class size: 30 students + 3 adult chaperons

Mornings: 9-11 a.m. | Afternoons: 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Contact the box office for booking:

604-927-6552

COMMITTEE FOR  
ACTION ON  
SOCIAL JUSTICE

# CASJ



## BARB STEPHENS IS RETIRING!!

After 37 years of teaching, Barbara Stephens has decided to retire!

The entire school benefited from her genuine care and thoughtfulness.

Besides being an outstanding teacher, she also taught how to be a kind and respectful human being. She made a profound impact in her students' lives. We will all miss her.

After June 2022, Barb will spend her days in the garden, learning Italian, or planning trips to Niagara Falls, Ireland, and Japan.

**We would like to invite everyone in the district who worked with Barb, to join us in celebrating with her:**

**Thursday, June 23rd. Please email [tweissig@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:tweissig@sd43.bc.ca) for more details.**

### CASJ BOOKCLUB

Meets the first Thursday of every month.

**Thurs June 2, 2022 (4pm on Teams)**

We will be continuing our "No Gods, No Monsters" discussion. We are working towards finishing the book by June. New members welcome!

### CASJ COMMITTEE

Meets the 3rd Thursday of every Month

We will be holding our committee meeting on

**Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 4:00 pm**

We will be discussing feedback on the April film event, and plans for next year, as well as other matters.

Join us on Teams to be part of the conversation.

If you're interested in attending and want to get the latest update, please email Diether Malakoff ([dmalakoff@cta43.org](mailto:dmalakoff@cta43.org)).

**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 CTA liaison [Diether Malakoff](#) with any questions.**



### CTA Scholarship, Awards and Bursary Committee

This committee provides an opportunity for members to get involved in helping to approve or select recipients of CTA scholarships – Roy Krutow, Cam McKenzie, CTA Student Assistance Bursary, Barbara Vengshoel, Trades & Arts, and Equity scholarships. The committee will meet in the Fall and again in June, at minimum, but may meet at other times throughout the year.

**There are several positions available on the committee if you or someone you know is interested in becoming involved:**

- Alternate Education representative
- Continuing Education representative
- Member who identifies as Indigenous
- Member who identifies as Black or a person of colour
- Three (3) additional CTA members

The CTA President and our TFEU Finance Administrator also sit on this committee.

If you have any questions, please contact Kara Obojski, 1st Vice-President ([kobojski@cta43.org](mailto:kobojski@cta43.org)).

**If you are interested in the committee please submit a CV to Kelly S. at [kstewart@cta43.org](mailto:kstewart@cta43.org).**

## TTOCs & New Teachers

### TTOC COMMITTEE

Meets the second Tuesday of every month

**Tues June 14, 2022 at 4pm via zoom.**

Further details, including a link to access the meeting, are available in the [TTOC FB Group](#) under 'events'. TTOC committee meetings do have some structure and business, there is also plenty of time to chat, 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 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](mailto:chair.ttoc@gmail.com)) or Diether Malakoff ([dmalakoff@cta43.org](mailto: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

Currently Full

## 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 ([kstewart@cta43.org](mailto: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

[kchristensen@cta43.org](mailto:kchristensen@cta43.org)

**(Last names G-L)** Kara Obojski, 1st Vice-President

[kobojski@cta43.org](mailto:kobojski@cta43.org)

**(Last names M-R)** Diether Malakoff, 2nd Vice-President

[dmalakoff@cta43.org](mailto:dmalakoff@cta43.org)

**(Last names S-Z)** Andy Gilligan, Labour Relations Officer

[agilligan@cta43.org](mailto:agilligan@cta43.org)

### PD related questions

Meggan Crawford, PD Chairperson - [mcrawford@cta43.org](mailto:mcrawford@cta43.org)

### CTA Administration

Kelly Roberts, Executive Director - [kroberts@cta43.org](mailto:kroberts@cta43.org)

### Accounting/Finance

Reimbursements, scholarship payments & CTA newsletter

Heidi Davis, Finance Administrator - [hdavis@cta43.org](mailto:hdavis@cta43.org)

### Membership Database, Website Access, Committees, Scholarships

Kelly Stewart, Office Clerk - [kstewart@cta43.org](mailto:kstewart@cta43.org)

### Office Clerk, CTA PD Day

Corbey Heyes-Jones, Office Clerk [corbeyhj@cta43.org](mailto: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.



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International (Call collect):  
604-689-1717

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Lending Library

<https://www.libib.com/4/ctalibrary>  
Email [lendinglibrary@cta43.org](mailto:lendinglibrary@cta43.org) to create an account.

### 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:kelly.stewart@cta43.org)

[www.coquitlamteachers.com](http://www.coquitlamteachers.com)

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