

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

Postings and Surplus

Postings will be out for Round One this week, on the 26th. There will be six rounds of postings, with very tight turnarounds. For those interested, keep on top of this, as per recent communication from Nadine Tambellini, District Principal. It is fortunate that we have a fairly small number of Surplus teachers this year (compared to last) despite the District budget shortfalls, which means more level competition for positions, within the contractual Priority Bands. The CTA stands ready to assist people with postings. It can be a confusing process and most don't do it frequently enough to be absolutely sure that everything is being done correctly. It is important for people to know that before any of the recall process can begin, ALL of the applicants with positions or Continuing teachers without position must be in positions. There are always some folks without positions at the end of postings and Nadine MUST place those people before undertaking recall. As such, everyone looking for a change or coming off a leave is encouraged to post widely, to ensure they have some agency over where they end up. Please give us a call or email with any questions about postings or the process.

In Solidarity,
Ken

CTA Support Position

The CTA is seeking members interested in joining our team in office.

This position will be seconded to the CTA Office.

Release time will be **one (1) day a week** running for the 2022/2023 school year.

Office hours are **8:30 am – 4:30 pm (please note, your day may need to extend beyond that occasionally).**

The requirements of the Support Position include:

- Local union involvement
- Familiarity with CTA Bylaws & Policies and Collective Agreement

The responsibilities of the Support Position include:

- Maintaining confidentiality
- Assisting the Released Officers & Executive Director

The successful candidate will have a high degree of interpersonal skills and the ability to deal effectively with confrontational and stressful situations.

Interested members should **submit a CV to**

***kstewart@cta43.org* at the CTA Office by**

Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.



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. This policy has recently been revised to change the composition of the committee and the scholarships were updated and will be in effect for the 2022-2023 school 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).

If you are interested in the committee please submit a CV to Kelly S. at *kstewart@cta43.org*.



Bargaining 101 – Zoom Gathering

Did you know the BCTF is currently bargaining a new contract with the BC government? Do you wonder how this negotiation will impact your work? What's the difference between local and provincial bargaining?

Join teachers across the province to learn about provincial bargaining, how it works, and why it's important. Clint Johnston and Robin Tosczak (co-chairs of the BCTF Bargaining Team) will join us to answer attendees' questions.

Please join us on Wednesday, June 1 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. for Bargaining 101.

The Zoom link will be emailed directly to participants who have registered for the event.

Register at: <https://members.bctf.ca/EventDetails.aspx?EventID=2363>

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 and pension options when planning for retirement, who to contact for information and advice.

The Zoom link to attend the last session on May 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.

Moments of Joy

Some dogs don't have strong personal space boundaries... but this takes it to all new levels: This Dog Broke Into A Couple's House And Snuggled Her Way Into Their Bed (sunnyskyz.com)

36 hours of swinging back and forth has probably led to completing his childhood goal: a new world record for longest marathon on a swing: **Man's 36-hour swing marathon lands world record - BBC News**

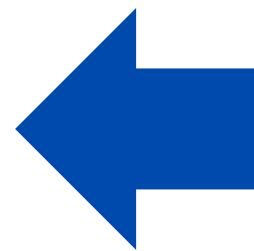
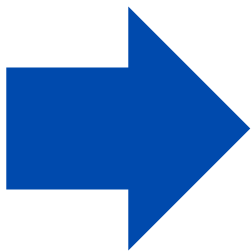
Paper planes and their pilots took center stage at the World Finals of the Red Bull Paper Wings competition. Categories include distance, airtime, and aerobatics. **Red Bull Paper Wings World Final 2022: Results**

PD POWER

As we count down the days to June, more questions about Summer PD are landing in my inbox, so here's a quick summary of CTA PD support during the summer.

Yes, summer workshops are still eligible for yellow form reimbursement at the same formula/rates as the rest of the year. Every teacher can receive two completed yellow form reimbursements between May 1st, 2022 and April 30th, 2023. The only difference with summer PD is that the dates for the form, conference report, and receipt are sometimes different. If you are attending a workshop/conference that starts between now and July 29th, you will need to follow the standard **'two weeks in advance'** policy and have your form in to the CTA office at least two weeks before the event begins. If you are attending an event between July 30th and September 23rd, your yellow form must be in the office no later than 4:30 pm on Friday, September 9th. Conference reports and receipts for all PD events in June, July, and August must be submitted to **pd@cta43.org** or brought into the CTA office no later than 4:30 pm on October 1st. Since that falls on a Saturday this year, any in person conference report and receipt drop offs need to be in the office by 4:30 pm on September 30th.

If you're uncertain of whether or not your event is eligible for reimbursement, please send me an email (mcrawford@cta43.org) or give me a call (604-936-9971) and I'd be happy to help.



Members of the Teachers' Pension Plan can now access their 2021 Member's Benefit Statement (MBS) in My Account. Members should review their MBS to make sure they have received the correct amount of pensionable service and contributory service for 2021. If members notice any errors, they should contact their employer's payroll office to ensure the correct amount of service is reported. They should also contact the BCTF's Income Security Division if they received benefits from the Salary Indemnity Plan during 2021 to ensure the correct amount of service is reported.

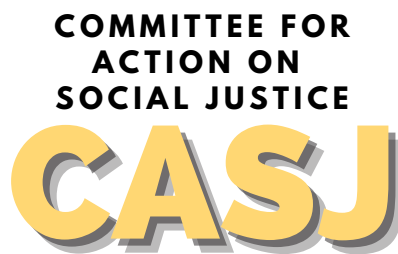
Please note that 10-month (September to June) teachers are not permitted to earn more than 10 months of pensionable or contributory service even if they teach summer school or have an additional part-time contract to teach evenings, etc. Teachers who are enrolled in the 12-month pay plan are still considered to be 10-month teachers for pension purposes because the 12-month pay plan is a "locked-in" summer savings plan, whereby a set percentage of net pay is deducted from their pay from September through June and deposited into their regular bank account in two equal instalments on July 15 and August 15.

The 2021 Report to Members is also now available on the TPP Website at the link below:

<https://tpp.pensionsbc.ca/report-to-members>

Members who opted in to receive digital notifications in My Account will receive notice of these documents electronically. Other members will receive their paper copies from their employer before the end of June.

Members who have not yet opted in to go paper-free may do so at any time to receive their important pension information digitally. They will need to register or sign in to My Account and select "Yes" to opt in.



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

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).

CTA CASJ is now on Instagram! Find us at [socialjusticecta](https://www.instagram.com/socialjusticecta). We're also on FB at [CTA CASJ](https://www.facebook.com/CTA.CASJ).

No experience necessary, new members welcome!!
Please contact CTA liaison [Diether Malakoff](mailto:Diether.Malakoff@cta43.org) with any questions.

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) or Diether Malakoff (dmalakoff@cta43.org) if you have any questions about the committee or the bookclub.

Happy Retirement



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 for more details.

After 35 years of teaching, Frances is ready to embark on an exciting new adventure -

Retirement

Come and celebrate with Fran

Thursday June 16, 2022,
4:30 pm at the John B Pub

Please RSVP to Lisa at
lclay@sd43.bc.ca

You can send your congratulations to Frances at
ffriend@sd43.bc.ca



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). 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

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](mailto:kstewart@cta43.org)

www.coquitlamteachers.com

CTA Office: 604-936-9971

