

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

Capital Funding

The CTA is concerned with rumours of a capital funding freeze on new schools and potential impacts locally. While we refuse to get into the either/or narrative currently being floated by the Opposition regarding the proposed renovation of the BC Museum, we do have concerns about capital funding uncertainty. These are spurred on particularly this year by the requirement dropped on the school District to find \$25 million over five years to help fund the Burke Mountain High School project. Concerns about a capital freeze also impact best efforts enforcement in the upcoming school year. We are definitely paying attention to this one because, while we are not as much a growth district as our friends in the Fraser Valley, there are areas of growth and needs for new buildings, given the aging infrastructure here.

Indigenous Education Honouring Ceremony

Last night, representatives from the CTA attended the Indigenous Ed Honouring Ceremony, held at the Centennial Secondary Theatre. I do recall that the last time I was in that theatre was for this event....back in 2019. It was a distinct pleasure and honour to be asked to witness these graduates completing their educational journey in SD43. The ceremony itself was absolutely lovely, with beautiful carvings on stage, songs and drumming, great speeches from many dignitaries, including Chief Ed Hall, of the kwikwəłəḿ (Kwkwetlem) First Nation and two fantastic Si'yam messengers (valedictorians), Sage Eckhart and Tamara Hackett. It was great to have the first of these graduation events attended live in several years be this particular one, considering the journey of healing and reconciliation we are on.

In Solidarity,
Ken

BCTF Pension Seminars

The BCTF will be presenting virtual pension seminars on **Tuesdays in June** 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.

Here is the Zoom link to attend one of these sessions <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.

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.

2022-2023 Staff and PD Rep Names Needed

School staffs should be selecting their CTA Staff Reps and PD Reps for the upcoming 2022 - 2023 school year.

In order to plan for Training Sessions we will need to know who your PD and Staff Reps AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

A link to an online form was sent to current Staff and PD reps this week, please take a moment to update any changes. If you have any questions please contact Kelly at the CTA office kstewart@cta43.org

Roy Krutow Scholarships

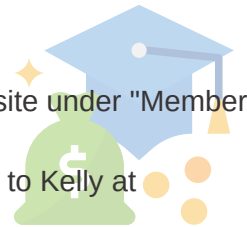
Each year the CTA awards two Roy Krutow Scholarships of \$1250.00 to the graduating child of a teacher employed by School District #43 or to the child of a retired or deceased teacher employed by School District #43 at the time of retirement or death. **Eligible candidates can attend ANY public school in British Columbia.**

Criteria: Academic achievement (in case of a tie, school involvement will be considered).

Application Deadline: July 1, 2022

Applications are available on our website under "Member Resources"; "CTA Forms"

Please send your application by email to Kelly at kstewart@cta43.org



Moments of Joy

Iceland is encouraging everyone to put their email out of their mind while on vacation with a new "OutHorse Your Email" program – a horse in Iceland will respond to your emails for you (no, really): [OutHorse Your Email \(visiticeland.com\)](https://www.visiticeland.com)

Thanks to Kelly Stewart for recommending the adorable moment that a toddler helped a lamb be reunited with its mother: <https://www.newsflare.com/video/489806/wholesome-moment-toddler-helps-lost-lamb-reunite-with-mother-in-china>

An entire school lined the halls to clap this teacher out of the building on her last day (after a 50 year career): <https://www.instagram.com/reel/CeYjGgyok1s/?igshid=MDJmNzVkMjY%3D>

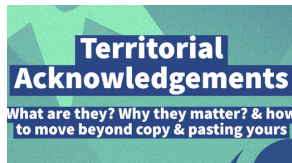
PD POWER

The CTA PD Committee is already planning for next February's PD Day – this time for an in person event! As we search for a keynote speaker, we are hoping to put together a day that celebrates the work of teachers, inspires us, unites us, and reminds us all why we chose this profession in the first place. After a few years of unexpected challenges it will be one of the first times that we are all back together as a district since February 2020. If you have any suggestions for a keynote speaker, please email mcrawford@cta43.org and the committee will review your ideas and see what might be a good fit! The committee is also reviewing our past practices around scheduling, food, and student involvement, so the 2023 might surprise you in more ways than one! If this sounds like a discussion you'd like to be more involved in, you can put in a cv to join the PD Committee at [Committee Vacancies - Coquitlam Teachers Association](#).



**Nahane
Creative**

Check out these links to some of the on demand mini-courses currently offered. Please check [Nahane Creative's website](#) for more offerings and information.



Nahane Creative Inc. is a Squamish-owned social change agency operating on the unceded, shared territory of the xwməθkwəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and sə́ilwətaʔt (Tsleil-Waututh) also known as Vancouver, BC, Canada.

June is

**Indigenous
History
Month**

Honouring the history,
diversity, and resilience
of Indigenous peoples



Lauren Hutchison photo

CHEAKAMUS
CENTRE
nature is in session



Explorations in Environmental and Indigenous Learning: 3 Day Educators retreat

Gain experience through hands-on learning in this specially designed overnight workshop for a wide range of groups; including K-12 teachers and administrators, outdoor centre program leaders, post-secondary program groups, and other adult educators interested in broadening their understanding of indigenous and place-based learning.

This workshop is specialized for those who are looking to expand their toolbox of teaching strategies and approaches within the field of outdoor environmental and Indigenous cultural education.

Workshop Goals

- Explore and evaluate a variety of outdoor and environmental instructional approaches and how these can be situated in, with and about place.
- Develop and extend your knowledge of indigenous ways of connecting learning to place.
- Share successes and extend personal professional practice of place-based inquiry
- Grow personal networks of outdoor and place-based learning practitioners.

August 22 - 24, 2022

Location: Cheakamus Centre, Brackendale

Early Bird Tickets : **\$550 until July 1st, 2022**

or until limit is reached

Standard Tickets: \$625 after July 2nd, 2022

Includes all lodging, meals and programming

All tickets are sold through Eventbrite.

Click [HERE](#) to visit our webpage to learn more about this workshop and for registration information.

Space is limited - book now!

School Programs May 7, 2022 to June 17, 2022

SCHOOL PROGRAM OPTIONS

CASJ



TTOCs & New Teachers

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

**In great appreciation for all of your year's teaching,
we all want to say thank you for your knowledge and dedication.**

William (Bill) Adair (Pinetree)
Christine Areshenko (Learning Services)
Celeste Audette (Miller Park)
Anita Bell (Porter Street)
Sandy Bellet (Riverview Park)
Monika Bock (Central)
Frankie Brovold (Aspenwood)
Nancy Browne (Pinetree)
M. Linda Cairns (Banting)
James Carlson (Mary Hill)
Steven Charboneau (Terry Fox)
Jeff Christensen (Eagle Mountain)
Pamela Cropper (Bramblewood)
Warren Crowley (Learning Services)
Miriam Cyr (Riverside)
Robin Daciuk (Scott Creek)
Rita A. Danielle (Nestor)
Brian Dyck (Pinetree)
Melodie Ellis (Panorama)
Catherine Ford (Pleasantside)
Ryan Ford (Leigh)
Douglas Friend (Terry Fox)
Frances Friend (Lord Baden-Powell)
Lori Gregory (Gleneagle)
Aryn Gunn (Gleneagle)
Gary Horton (Riverside)
Lorne Hrycan
Leona Huggins (RC MacDonald)
Sandra Hutniak (Cedar Drive)
Krista Koverola-Stagliano (Scott Creek)

Donna Loss (Panorama Heights)
Susan Louie (Pinetree)
Mario Luongo (Riverside)
S. Denise Maguire (Summit)
Victor Mah (Porter Street)
Fahrah Mawani (Scott Creek)
Christine Meroniuk (Anmore)
Angelia Moulund (James Park)
Quirien Mulder Ten Kate (Gleneagle)
Susan Nickason (Mountain Meadows)
Lillian Pavich (Westwood)
Astrid Pedneault (Glenayre)
Jaema Pleasants (Harbour View)
Lynn Robinson (Central)
Russell Roemer (Dr. Charles Best)
Victoria Rogers (TTOC)
Stavros (Steve) Sainas, (Terry Fox)
Arun Sangar (Learning Services)
Chantal Schuler (Mary Hill)
Shekinah Shemah (Moody Elem.)
Luciano Stella (Glen)
Barbara Stephens (Anmore)
Deborah Strong (Learning Services)
Siobhan Swayne (Eagle Ridge)
Heidy Tilsner (Riverside)
Brian Unger (Gleneagle)
Patricia Van Der Meer (Birchland)
Beverly Vander Baaren (Panorama Heights)
Lisa Wollitzer (Central)
Peter Wunderlich (Westwood)
Wendy Young (Glen)

**Congratulations to all, please click on individual names for information
about celebrations that are planned.**

Contact tweissig@sd43.bc.ca for details on Barb Stephen's retirement

Contact Us:

www.coquitlamteachers.com

CTA Office: 604-936-9971



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

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

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

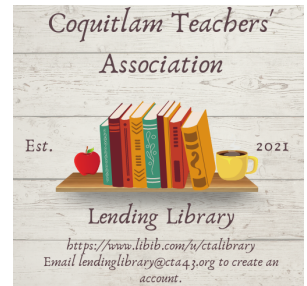
Kelly Stewart, Office Clerk - kstewart@cta43.org

Office Clerk, CTA PD Day

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

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



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

CTA Adult Educators

1 Learning Centre Rep

CTA Policy and Procedure Committee

Currently Full

CTA Scholarship, Awards and Bursary Committee

1 Alt. Ed Rep, 1 Cont. Ed. Rep, 1 Indigenous Member,
1 Member of Colour, 3 Additional CTA Members

CTA BIPOC Educators' Committee

For more information on being a part of this committee please email Ryan Cho, Shauna Clarke or Kelly Roberts

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

New Westminster & District Labour Council

5 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.



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