

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

Alberta Teachers

In a rather alarming development in bargaining, Alberta teachers ratified a two-year deal last week with only 51% voting in favor of ratification. Their agreement includes salary increases of .5% at ratification, followed by 1.25% and 2%. Now, we know that comparisons across provinces don't really fly well as a strategy here but, that tends to be more when we are comparing higher salaries elsewhere to lower salaries here in BC. It's a logical argument but, not one that generally resonates with the public. Other concerning trends locally here are BCGEU being at impasse in April and informing members about job action and strike votes. These are concerns for our own currently ongoing provincial bargaining, naturally. It is important to block out these trends and try to deal with negotiations bespoke to our particular circumstances but, it should not be entirely ignored. We certainly hope for better fortune for our provincial bargaining team and support them in their work.

CABE Fire

Sadly, as many of you must now be aware, CABE Secondary had a fire in the early morning of June 4. Obviously, there is never a good time for this but, it's particularly hard, given all the year-end pressures on a site and uniquely on the community this school serves. The District moved very quickly here and relocated the kids and staff to Winslow Centre and have been working very hard getting things operational over there. Particular kudos to District personnel go to Devon Ross, who has been in the site daily to help expedite things, though the entire team in Facilities, Maintenance and Custodial have gone above and beyond. Lots of people have expressed support to the staff and administration at CABE. The staff of CABE have been amazing (as they always are) in making the new spot a home for all the students. They are also appreciative of all the kind words and actions by many people in the district. I just had a walk-through of the facilities with Sandi Lauzon, Principal and Darren Miller, Counsellor and while work remains to be done, the hard work by Facilities and everyone else is very evident, given what the spaces used looked like before this. My attachment to this school and community is strong and personal, as it was my last school before taking on full-time union work.

In Solidarity,
Ken



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).

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

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.

2022-2023 Staff and PD Rep Names Needed

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

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

A link to an online form was sent to current Staff and PD reps last 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

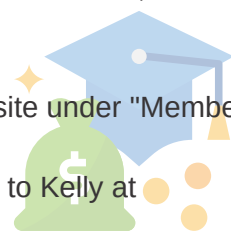
Each year the CTA awards two Roy Krutow Scholarships of \$1250.00 to the graduating child of a teacher employed by School District #43 or to the child of a retired or deceased teacher employed by School District #43 at the time of retirement or death. **Eligible candidates can attend ANY public school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

A man in Louisiana stopped when he saw a kitten on the side of the road – only to have twelve more come out of the bushes! **Man Stops To Rescue Kitten, Gets Ambushed By Platoon (sunnyskyz.com)**

Ever wondered what a cat might look like with a fancy hairdo? Wonder no more! This cat owner took to Photoshop to create the stylish hairdo's of their cat's dreams: **What If Cats Had Hairstyles? (sunnyskyz.com)**

The Meatpacking district in New York City burst into colour with the arrival of the L.E.A.F Festival of Flowers, bringing over a million blooms to art installations: **One million flowers bring joy and color to New York's Meatpacking District (yahoo.com)**

PD POWER

With only weeks to go before summer it's time to start planning for the break!

Check out these exciting opportunities for educators this summer!

Cheakamus Centre offers various workshops (Indigenous Cultural Learning & Place-Based Learning), as well as a Summer Institute in August: **Educator and Adult Learning Workshops | Cheakamus Centre**

The Honeybee Centre offers tours, informational courses/workshops, and hands-on workshops throughout the year for everyone wanting to learn more about the vital role of bees: **Honeybee Centre / Honey Farm / BCHoney**

The Bill Reid Gallery of Northwest Coast Art offers tours, visits (unguided), online resources for educators, and a field trip program: **Bill Reid Gallery of Northwest Coast Art**

The Vancouver Art Gallery offers teacher orientations throughout the year so educators can preview exhibits before bringing their students to visit: **Vancouver Art Gallery (vanartgallery.bc.ca)** Entrance to the Gallery is free for those 18 and under starting on July 1, and continuing for the next five years thanks to a very generous donation!



Vancouver
Artgallery

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

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

Space is limited - book now! All tickets are sold through Eventbrite.

Indigenous Peoples Day

June 21, 2022 is National Indigenous Peoples Day.

June is a month to celebrate and learn about whose land you are on by listening to and acknowledging it.

All Canadians, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, have the chance every June to reflect on and learn about Indigenous Peoples' history, traditions, sacrifices and contributions.

Follow the links below for some of the celebrations being held close to home and across the province.

Fraser River Indigenous Society

Maple Ridge Celebration June 18 from 10 - 2

Talking Stick Festival

June 12 to July 3, 2022

<https://www.indigenousbc.com/things-to-do/events>

Surrey's National Indigenous Peoples Day

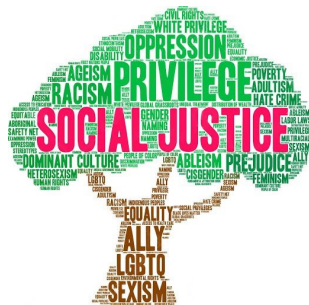
Celebration & Wellness Event June 21, 2022

Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre

Events running from June 21 to July 3, 2022

COMMITTEE FOR ACTION ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

CASJ



CASJ BOOKCLUB

Meets the first Thursday of every month.

The CASJ bookclub has wrapped up for this year.

We look forward to meeting again in the fall, happy summer reading to all!

CASJ COMMITTEE

Meets the 3rd Thursday of every Month

Thurs June 16, 2022 CTA Conference Room

This will be our year-end meeting and social. It will be face to face. We'll be discussing how this year went and ideas for next year as well as other items of business. Upon conclusion of the formal part of the meeting, we will transition to a social that may be off-site, details TBA. All CTA members welcome. Please contact Diether Malakoff with any questions (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.

Happy Pride Month!



Check out these links to Pride events happening in June 2022 and beyond

Surrey Pride Festival

June 25, 2022 Central City 4-9 pm

East Side Pride

June 25, 2022 Grandview Park

Vancouver Pride Society

Thrive with Pride

The Fox Cabaret, 6-10pm

TTOCs & New Teachers

TTOC COMMITTEE

Meets the second Tuesday of every month

We're all wrapped up for this year.

Thank you to all of you who supported the work of the committee this year. We look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Keep in touch via [TTOC FB Group](#).

If you have any thoughts for next year, please pass them along. We are needing additional members for the TTOC committee. All the best in the last weeks!

Contact 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)
Lynn Cecchini (Gleneagle)
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 (Pleasantide)
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-Stagiano (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 Moulard (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

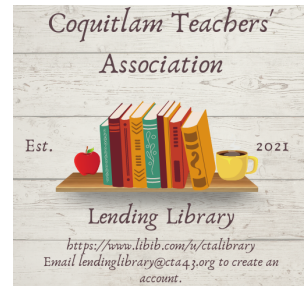
Kelly Stewart, Office Clerk - kstewart@cta43.org

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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