

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

BCTF Education Funding Brief

Last week, the BCTF presented its Education Funding Brief to the Provincial government. This is an annual ritual where the BCTF argues that there are ongoing and systemic inadequacies in education funding. This is not a surprise to anyone who has been around a while in Public Education. It is the eternal struggle.

The first key recommendation in the brief discusses moving away from an austerity planning model, increasing funding to meet the actual, demonstrated needs of classrooms, schools and school districts. Currently, highly prescriptive models of funding exist, like per-student funding, which is always inadequate to meet student and teacher needs.

Another attractive element, literally, is the recommendation to increase recruitment and retention funding. This comes down to the simple fact that there are not as many people choosing this difficult profession as before and it is fairly easy to understand why that is. This is hard work, requires a lot of costly education and has high levels of stress and burnout. Recruitment and retention initiatives are fine but, referring to the point above, the system needs to better support teachers once they've been recruited or retained.

The third recommendation circles back to a previous argument we have had, both locally and provincially. It asks the government to jettison the idea of a prevalence-based funding model. This means, a funding model based on the prevalence of a particular learning challenge in the general population, rather than the actual compositions of a school or classroom. This is highly destructive and that's why we fought so hard to build a coalition of all the partner groups on this a few years ago. This idea has aged like milk since then so, we are certainly not looking forward to a resumption of that fight. We will definitely do, what we have to do but, would prefer improving the existing system to a radical overhaul that would harm kids, parents and teachers.

There are certainly no guarantees that our concerns are heeded but, we must continue to voice them in any available medium. It's the only way to be sure that we have done everything we can to advocate for teachers, kids and families.

In Solidarity,
Ken

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**.

Roy Krutow Scholarships

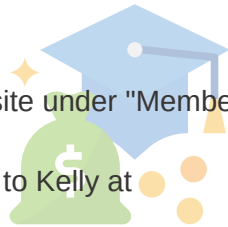
Each year the CTA awards two Roy Krutow Scholarships of \$1250.00 to the graduating child of a teacher employed by School District #43 or to the child of a retired or deceased teacher employed by School District #43 at the time of retirement or death. **Eligible candidates can attend ANY public school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



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. 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 Ed. Rep. •Continuing Ed. Rep •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.

During the summer months the CTA office will be closed between **July 16th and August 29th.**

If you require assistance during the office closure please call or email messages are retrieved regularly to enable us to assist you.

Summer Hours

Summer PD

If you are planning to attend a workshop that has a cost please remember that summer pd is still eligible for yellow form reimbursement!

The CTA office closes for part of the summer the dates for submitting your form are a little different:

- **Workshops between now and July 15th:**
Yellow form due in no later than June 30th
- **Workshops between July 15th and September 24th:** Yellow form due in no later than September 9th.

Conference reports and receipts for summer PD: due in to pd@cta43.org no later than October 10th

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.

PD POWER

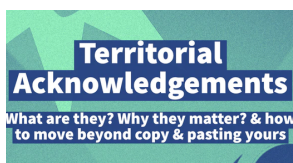
As we wrap up this school year we hope that each site has taken a moment to elect next year's site-based PD rep. Site-based PD reps are responsible for chairing your site's PD Committee and are a part of decision making and planning for your school based PD days. They also sign yellow forms and share PD information with their colleagues (often by posting it on a bulletin board in the staff room). Training is provided in the fall of each year and support for PD reps is always an email or call away!

If your site has not yet elected its rep, consider putting your name Forward and be a part of making PD meaningful and relevant for your site next year! If you have any questions about what site-based PD reps do (and do not do), you can read more in CTA Policy 51 or send me an email (mcrawford@cta43.org).



**Nahanee
Creative**

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



Nahanee Creative Inc. is a Squamish-owned social change agency operating on the unceded, shared territory of the xwməθkwəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and sə́lilwətaʔt (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.

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

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.

Moments of Joy

Hannibal the golden retriever has a favourite hobby – playing fetch, but only with people outside of the dog park...he repeatedly drops his ball over the fence and waits for strangers to throw it for him (and they most often do!): [Vancouver dog with Instagram account loves to make people play fetch | Vancouver Sun](#)

A couple who were new to country life underestimated the effort required to mow their massive lawn – until several of their new neighbours showed up to help out: [Couple New To 'Country Living' Gets Blindsided With Kindness](#) ([sunnyskyz.com](#)).

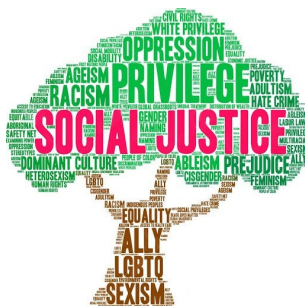
A small cancer drug trial had shocking levels of success and now has given hope to future larger-scale trials: [An experimental cancer drug had a 100% success rate : NPR](#)

How do you defend yourself from an angry emu when you are trying to mow the lawn? Well, in this case you carry a pool noodle!

<https://www.cnn.com/videos/us/2022/06/14/emu-pool-noodle-deterrent-moos-vpx.cnn/video/playlists/atv-trending-videos/>

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

We look forward to seeing folks in the fall! Wishing everyone the best in the waning days of June, and a summer full of rest and relaxation.

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 in need of members for the TTOC committee, please consider joining in the Fall.

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 years of 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 (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-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

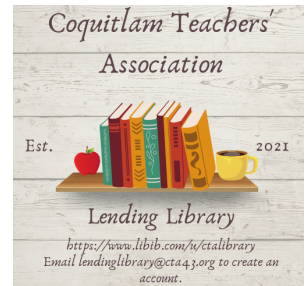
Kelly Stewart, Office Clerk - kstewart@cta43.org

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](mailto:kelly@cta43.org)



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](mailto:ryancho@cta43.org), [Shauna Clarke](mailto:shaunaclarke@cta43.org) or [Kelly Roberts](mailto:kellyroberts@cta43.org)

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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