

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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Welcome Back!

President's Message

Welcome back to each and every member of the Coquitlam Teachers' Association!

Your hearts are full and the students will benefit from another year with your renewed strength, care and kindness.

We have an interesting year ahead of us with provincial bargaining, local elections for Mayor, Councilors and School Board. There will be many opportunities to speak loudly and advocate for our rights, the rights of students and their families.

We have a powerful confluence of economic conditions and an ongoing and developing teacher shortage across the province. We have other unions engaging effectively with their employers and a growing trend towards unionization across many sectors not traditionally associated with unions. It certainly is an interesting time.

The CTA has a lot of work ahead to advance our causes and have the necessary discussion, debate and decision to bring members up to speed on where we are at and where we need to go. Stay tuned for further updates and information.

Take care and have a lovely start to the school year!

In Solidarity,
Ken

CTA Annual General Meeting

Wednesday October 5, 2022
Winslow Gym - 4:00 pm

- Call to Order
- Election of BC Federation of Labour Delegates
- President's Report
- Financial Reports
- Bargaining Update (In Committee)
- Prize Draws
- Adjournment



Delegates Needed for the BC Federation of Labour Conference November 21-25, 2022

As in the past, the CTA is sending three (3) delegates to the convention and will cover the cost of any leaves required to participate in the convention. More information about the convention can be found here <https://convention.bcfed.ca/>

Teachers interested in attending as delegates should fill out a CV form located here and submit it to the CTA Office by Monday, September 26, 2020. Delegates to the convention will be acclaimed or elected at the upcoming CTA AGM on Wednesday, October 5, 2022



Summer & September PD Deadlines

If you attended a workshop during the summer or plan on attending a workshop before September 24th here are your timelines for reimbursement.

Workshops from July 15th to September 24

Yellow forms **can not** be sent via email, forms must be in the office before 4:30 pm Friday, September 9, 2022.

Conference reports and receipts for summer PD need to be emailed to pd@cta43.org **no later than October 10, 2022**

James Smith Cree Nation Violence

The CTA stands in solidarity with the victims and their families in the James Smith Cree Nation stabbings.

It's a heartbreaking and senseless act with victims who were beloved pillars of their community and nation.

We extend our condolences and support to anyone in the CTA affected by this. We extend our strength to support the strength of our Indigenous people in this time of need and sorrow.

Support is available for anyone affected by the latest reports. You can talk to a mental health professional via Wellness Together Canada by calling 1-866-585-0445 or text WELLNESS to 686868 for youth or 741741 for adults.

It is free and confidential.

The Hope for Wellness hotline offers immediate help to Indigenous people across Canada. Mental health counselling and crisis support is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 1-855-242-3310 or by online chat at www.hopeforwellness.ca.

Executive Committee

The CTA Executive Committee has the following positions available

Two Members at Large

One Member at Large, Person of Colour

If you are interested in running for on of these positions please go to the website to get and submit a CV to Kelly Stewart 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 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.**

PD Power

Welcome back to another school year!

Hopefully summer has left you rested and ready to take on the excitements, joys, and challenges of the next ten months.

If summer gave you time to engage in PD, please remember that your yellow form must be submitted to the office no later than 4:30pm this Friday, September 9th.

Your conference report and receipts are then due to pd@cta43.org by October 1st.

Also, if you are looking ahead to the October 20th PSA day, yellow forms for due in to the office by October 6th.

Some of this year's conferences are in person, others are hybrid, and still others are online – take your pick and find what is of the most value for your professional learning. - *Meggan Crawford, PD Chairperson*

October 20 PSA Day 2022



kinSHIFT in the classroom

A year long Indigenous-led journey for educators and schools designed by **IndigenEYEZ**

This fall, we're launching an experiential training program that teaches educators strategies and techniques to breathe life into Indigenous principles and values, shift their classroom culture and strengthen relationships.

Over the school year, you'll learn:

- How to safely and respectfully implement British Columbia's Indigenous curriculum requirements
- Ways to strengthen your confidence in holding space for challenging conversations about colonization and the injustices and inequities towards Indigenous peoples on the lands we live upon as settlers
- Practices to strengthen respectful, caring connections between students and staff and within groups of students with diverse backgrounds
- Curriculum that fulfils the mandated First Peoples' Principles of Learning

To make kinSHIFT in the Classroom inclusive and equitable, registration fees are offered on a sliding scale. Still don't see an option that works for you? Contact us today, and let's find a solution together.

Visit <https://bit.ly/kinSHIFTintheClassroom> for more details, program schedule and fees, and the link to register

Turning 71?

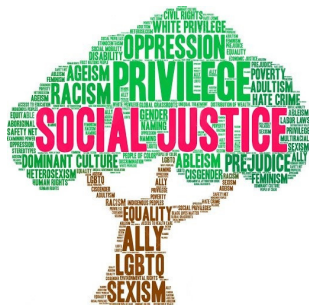
If you are a member who is turning 71 in 2022, please make sure to apply to the Teachers' Pension Plan by November 1, 2022, for a pension effective date of December 1, 2022.

This is because, under the Income Tax Act, an employee aged 71 must start receiving their pension no later than December 1 of the same year they turn 71; however, they may continue working without interruption. On December 1, their employer will stop deducting contributions to the Plan from the member's pay; however, the employer may or may not inform the member of the requirement for them to start collecting their pension.

If you are aged 72 or older and are not collecting your pension from the Teachers' Pension Plan. You should contact the Teachers' Pension Plan and apply immediately for your pension. Their pension will be paid retroactively to December 1 in the year when you turned 71.

Pension questions? Contact Sarb Lalli, Assistant Director, Pensions & Group Benefits, BCTF @ slalli@bctf.ca or 604-871-1949

COMMITTEE FOR ACTION ON SOCIAL JUSTICE



CASJ BOOKCLUB

Meets the first Thursday of every month.

People can also attend virtually. We'll be discussing Caleb Azumah Nelson's 'Open Water' which was assigned reading over the summer. We will then move on to selecting a new book to read through the fall. NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!!

Please forward any questions or book titles for consideration to Diether (dmalakoff@cta43.org).

CASJ COMMITTEE

Meets the 3rd Thursday of every Month

Information on fall meetings coming soon!

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.

Retirement — PARTY —

The CTA and CPVPA Retirement Reception honouring retiring teachers and administrators will be held

**Thursday, September 15, 2022
4:00 - 6:00 pm, Poco Inn & Suites, Poco Room
1545 Lougheed Highway, Port Coquitlam, BC**

Please RSVP to Kelly Stewart
kstewart@cta43.org

Secondary Schools District Design Team

The Ministry of Education and Childcare has recently approved a new secondary school on Burke Mountain, and the District is seeking teachers to serve on the School Design Team for the District.

The School Design Team will work with the Architect and Facilities Personnel to provide feedback on designing a new secondary school in SD #43.

The necessary time commitment will be approximately 3-4 meetings per month from 3:30 - 5:30 pm during the fall of 2022 and early 2023. There will also be documents and drawings to review between meetings.

Design team meetings will begin September 15, 2022 if you are interested please email a CV to Kelly S Kstewart@cta43.org as soon as possible.

TTOCs & New Teachers

TTOC COMMITTEE

Please stay tuned for 2022-23 meetings & events

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

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.

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



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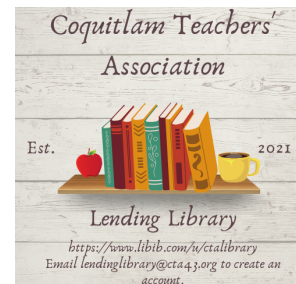
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CTA Website Login

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



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.