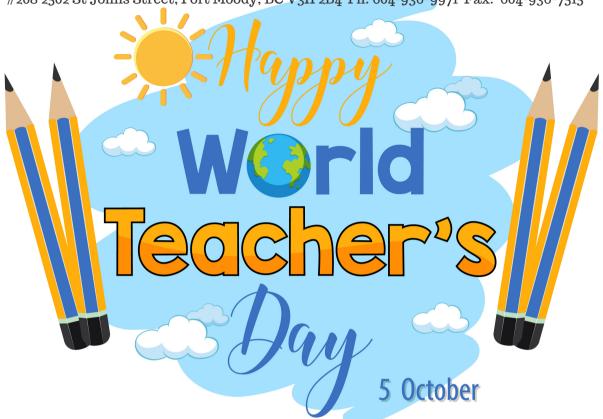
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# COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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### President's Message

#### **Municipal Elections**

I am going to remind again that the municipal elections are on October 15th. Please ensure that you are registered, and vote informed in this election. There are definitely differences between the candidates for all positions, including school trustee. The CTA is happy to discuss and answer questions anyone has about the local elections coming up. Most of our teachers reside within the Tri-Cities so, we can definitely affect the outcome locally here.

#### **Bargaining Info**

I am also going to remind again that our Annual General Meeting is today, at 4 pm in the Winslow Gym. Teri Mooring, former BCTF President will present on bargaining. We will also have three sessions to communicate and discuss bargaining information at the Silver City Theatres Coquitlam at 4 PM, October 11, 12 and 18, 2022. Please join the Executive Committee there and bring your questions and concerns.

#### **Protests in Iran**

I am watching with grief the treatment of protesters in Iran, mostly women, standing up for their right to be treated as human beings, with justice and equity. Women, Life and Freedom are their words. Women certainly deserve life and freedom and should not have that infringed by any government or authority. The reaction to the protests has been extreme and it is deeply upsetting to watch peaceful protests being treated with manipulated reaction and heavy-handed brutality. These protests stem from a single horrible incident perpetrated by the government of Iran but, exemplify ongoing mistreatment and oppression of women. The CTA stands with everyone affected by this situation and wants to draw the world's eye towards injustice, in the hope it will end with change for the better.

In Solidarity,

Ken

### Bargaining Information Sessions

Tuesday, October 11, 2022 Wednesday, October 12, 2022 Tuesday, October 18, 2022

4:00 – 6:00 pm Silvercity Cineplex Coquitlam 170 Schoolhouse Street Coquitlam, BC



There will be a short presentation by your Executive Committee and then a chance to ask questions!

Everyone is welcome! Plenty of seating!!

October 12, 2022 6 - 8 PM

### **Zone Bowling Coquitlam**

#16-228 Schoolhouse Street

### CTA Bowling Night!!

#### There's no time to SPARE!!

Send your name to Heidi today hdavis@cta43.org

#### Free bowling & shoe rental!!

The lanes need to be reserved ahead of time if you are interested please RSVP to Heidi <a href="mailto:hdavis@cta43.org">hdavis@cta43.org</a>.

RSVP as a team (5 preferred, 6 max) or RSVP individually and we will create teams

Lanes are limited so please RSVP by Friday, October 7, 2022 at 4:30 pm.

### Municipal Elections - October 15, 2022

There are competitions for positions in two of the three municipalities and it is important that candidates who share our values in public education get selected for these positions. It can be hard sometimes to get information on individual candidates in local elections but, because voter turnout is often low, a few votes can really make a difference. We strongly recommend involvement in local elections.

The CTA does not endorse candidates for municipal elections but we have included the Labour Council endorsed candidates here: **Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam-Port Moody-Pitt Meadows-Maple Ridge** 

Municipality election information can be found at the following websites; <u>Village of Anmore</u>, <u>Village of Belcarra</u>, <u>City of Coguitlam</u>, <u>City of Port Coguitlam</u>, <u>City of Port Moody</u>

### **FSA Packages**

Staff reps and teachers who wish to send information to parents must contact the CTA with the numbers of envelopes and pamphlets that your school requires for distribution before coming to pick them up.

The CTA Office will supply these materials – please call or email Kelly S.@ (kstewart@cta43.org).

# **PD** Deadlines



Yellow forms for the October 21 PSA Day are due in the office no later than **4:30 Friday October 7, 2022.** 

# Scholarship, Awards, and Bursary Committee

The CTA made numerous procedure and policy changes around scholarships, awards, and bursary language last year and, as a result, we have many vacancies on the committee to adjudicate and approve applications. The commitment is about twice a year and it's a great way to get involved with union work. We are looking for:

- Alternate Education representative (1)
- Continuing Education representative (1)
- Member who identifies as Indigenous (1)
- Member who identifies as Black or a person of colour (1)
- Three additional CTA members (3)

If you have any additional questions, please reach out to Kara Obojski: <a href="mailto:kobojski@cta43.org">kobojski@cta43.org</a>

# PD Power

Many CTA members will be attending PSA events in a few weeks (reminder: yellow forms for reimbursement for the October 21 PD Day are due in the CTA office no later than 4:30pm this Friday, October 7), and several of the conference fees include a PSA membership fee. But what benefits does membership provide? PSAs, or Provincial Specialist Associations, support BC teachers in their specialty areas. Through resources, workshop offerings, annual conferences, and sometimes even financial support, PSAs support local specialist groups and teachers by providing focused resources that are specific, meaningful, and relevant to your day-to-day work. Connecting with a PSA or with colleagues at a PSA event helps strengthen your professional learning network and gives you the chance to hear about how things happen in other locals throughout the province. They are the ultimate collaboration session. If you're struggling with a certain topic within your specialty area, PSAs are a resource you can reach out to at any time. As well, please remember that the yellow form can provide reimbursement for one PSA membership per teacher per year. Can't decide between two? Upload your first lesson to TeachBC (Classroom Resources (bctf.ca)) and you get a free PSA membership!

Please contact me at **mcrawford@cta43.org** with any questions about engaging more in PD at your site (or at the district level!). - *Meggan Crawford, PD Chairperson* 

### PSA Day Opportunities - Check out <u>psaday.ca</u>























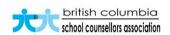










































#### **COMMITTEE FOR ACTION ON** SOCIAL JUSTICE





#### **CASI Bookclub**

It has been a busy startup for bookclub folks so we don't have a meeting date set yet. We are in the process of deciding what the next book will be. Now's a great time to join, we will likely be starting the next book towards the middle of October. Discussion is ongoing on Teams. Book club met on the first Thursday of each month last year, we're in the process of determining if we'll be keeping to that.

#### **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!!**

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

#### CASI COMMITTEE

#### Thursday October 6 at 4:00pm

The meeting will be hybrid with folks gathering at the CTA office conference room while also having the option to join via teams. Meeting agenda is still coming together. Join us on Teams to see where things are at at this point. CASI committee met on the third Thursday of each month last year, we'll be discussing how things will move forward this year.

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.

## TTOCS & New Teachers

#### TTOC COMMITTEE Tuesday October 25, 2022

Meetings usually occur on the second Tuesday of each month but we're bumping the October meeting due to another CTA event occurring on the 11th and 18th.

Due to folks moving on to contract positions etc, we do not have an officially constituted TTOC committee. If you are TTOCing at least once a week, you are eligible to be on the TTOC committee. If you want to learn more about union rights of TTOCs as well as getting union training, or attending various union events (some with paid release) please reach out. In spite of not having a constituted committee, we are still moving forward with informal meetings 'Townhall' style. Further details are available in our 'CTA TTOCs' Facebook group. Things will be picking up with bargaining updates, it'll be important to have a chance to connect with colleagues to discuss concerns and keep up to speed with latest developments.

#### All CTA members welcome!

Contact Diether Malakoff (dmalakoff@cta43.org) if you have any questions.



Family Services of the North Shore, in partnership with West Vancouver Youth Services presents a PROUD2BE Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation education event.

Voices of LGBTQ2S+ Young Adults – a panel discussion for parents, youth, professionals, and adult family/friends

Join our diverse panel of gueer, trans, and two-spirit young adults as they share their stories, wisdom, and realities of their lives. Through this panel event you will:

- Learn how to support and celebrate the LGBTQ2S+ youth in your life
- Better understand the many paths forward for queer, trans and two-spirit youth
- Get information on resources and gender-affirming services
- Have the opportunity to ask questions and get honest
- Be part of an inspiring community

This event is free of cost. Click here to register Saturday, October 22nd @ 11 am - 1:00 pm, via Zoom Generously supported by The Houssian Foundation.

For more information, contact our PROUD2BE team directly at proud2be@familyservices.bc.ca, or go to www.familyservices.bc.ca

PROUD2BE is a Family Services of the North Shore program, connecting parents, youth and children around gender identity and sexual orientation.

Please ensure that you have a confidential space to attend.

Shortly after registration, you will receive a confirmation email. You will NOT receive a Zoom link to the event upon registration confirmation. Your Zoom link will be emailed to you via Eventbrite, 3 hours prior to event. Please note that you will also receive reminder emails in the lead up to the event.







# 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 koboiski@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 - PD Reimbursements, Scholarships & CTA newsletter

Heidi Davis, Finance Administrator - hdavis@cta43.org

Membership, Website Access, Committees Kelly Stewart, Office Clerk - kstewart@cta43.org

CTA PD Day, Website Updates, CTA Lending Library 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.

### COMMITTE

#### **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, please email **Ryan Cho**. To join the CTA BIPOC Educators' Committee email list (which BIPOC teachers can be a part of even if they never attend a

meeting), please fill out the form here:

https://forms.gle/zjuQ98d4j1UXY1GX9

#### **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

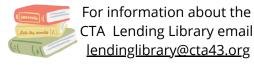
**District French Advisory Committee** Currently Full

**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.

#### CTA LENDING LIBRARY





**Employee and Family Assistance Program** 

Coaching | Counselling | Support Confidential | Available anytime

# **CTA Website**



Information is posted on our website as quickly as we have it.

Please make sure you are able to access the site. SD43 email security settings may not allow a password reset online.

If you need to reset your password, please contact Kelly Stewart