

# COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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## President's Message

### Last Message on Local Elections

We are two days away from local elections and the right wing candidates and their support organizations have really been stepping up their ad campaigns and pressure tactics. For example, Parents Voice is all over social media currently and attacks on how teachers teach and what they teach are ramping up, province-wide. We need to hold the line against false, divisive and hateful narratives. Again, that means getting out the vote for progressive candidates, where they exist and tactically voting where they don't. We are fortunate here in the Tri-cities that we generally have a large number of candidates running for School Trustee, Mayor and Council, on all sides of the issues so, we can make progressive decisions that will affect for the better, the students we support and the cities in which we live. I am strongly recommending being sure that the candidates you support actually represent your values. Be wary of slick ad campaigns masking people trying to get you to vote against your own best interest.

In Solidarity,  
Ken



# Bargaining Information Sessions

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!!**



## 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: [kobojski@cta43.org](mailto:kobojski@cta43.org).



## 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; [Village of Anmore](#), [Village of Belcarra](#), [City of Coquitlam](#), [City of Port Coquitlam](#), [City of Port Moody](#).

## 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).

## JHSC Incident Investigation Training

The District is running an in-house training class for appointed JHSC members.

### Incident Investigations

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Education Learning Centre – 1080 Winslow Avenue  
8am to 4pm

**This session will be limited to 24 members so please sign up ASAP.**

Note: JHSC members attending this course will be using their annual paid 8 hours education leave for this course

**To register please email [JHSC@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:JHSC@sd43.bc.ca)**



## Staff Rep Training



COMING SOON

**SURT will be held  
November 9 - 11, 2022  
at the CTA Office**

More information will be coming soon  
Staff Reps please keep an eye on your email for registration information



# PD Power



As the stacks of yellow forms for October 21 sit impatiently beside me it seems like a good time to explain some of the CTA policy that governs the use of these funds. Every teacher in our district, including TTOCs, is eligible for two completed yellow forms between May 1 and April 30 of each year. The yellow form covers events or workshops that are not credit granting and that do not lead to certifications. For registration costs the formula for reimbursement is: 100% of the first \$80 and up to half of the remainder. For registration costs we cannot reimburse any taxes, booking fees, or food or parking costs. Accommodation costs provide \$30 reimbursement for each night that is necessary for attendance at the event (i.e. we can't provide reimbursement for any extra days you choose to stay) and transportation provides \$30 for driving outside of Hope or Whistler. If you're flying, the yellow form can reimburse ¼ of the base fare (no fees or taxes) of your flight. All these values are set out in policy 9 of the CTA Bylaws and Policies. If you're ever uncertain of how much reimbursement you would get for a certain event, please send me an email and I'm happy to do the math before you decide whether to register.

-Meggan Crawford, PD Chairperson

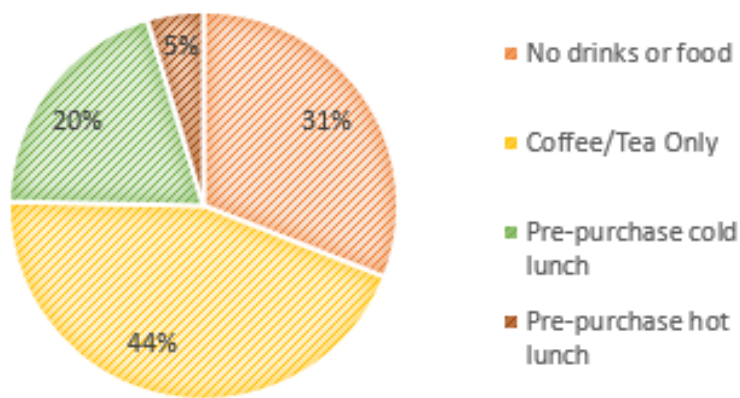
## CTA AGM Prize Winners

Thank you to all that attended the CTA AGM on October 5, 2022. The following people won prizes.

- Native Book Bag, CTA water-bottle/carabiner/straw, notebook/pen – **Phil Salembier (Centennial)**
- 'The Orange Shirt Story' book, lanyard, eco dishcloth **Bree Anna Weir (Citadel Middle)**
- Indigenous Art Dominoes, T & R booklet – **Michelle Sigismund (Porter Street)**
- Animal Flash Cards, T & R booklet – **Sandra Cowan (Seaview)**
- Large Blue BCTF Tee (M), T & R booklet – **Wendy Rogers (Blakeburn)**
- Large Green BCTF Tee (F), T & R booklet – **Joanne Howey (Eagle Ridge)**
- 'Tilly & the Crazy Eights' book, Eco Dishcloth – **Shauna Moore (Cape Horn)**
- 'Voices From the Skeena' book, lanyard – **Ben Whipps (Lord Baden Powell)**
- Metallic Notebook, dreamcatcher, lanyard, T & R booklet – **Jasmine Iwanaka (Pleasant side)**
- PD Conference/Workshop (value: up to \$100 of teacher-paid portion or workshop) – **Craig Sung (Birchland)**
- 'One Story, One Song' book, eco dishcloth – **Benson Chang (Suwa'lkh)**
- Green BCTF Tee (F), dreamcatcher – **Amy Hendriks (Anmore)**
- Blue BCTF Tee (M), T & R booklet – **Natalie Malakoff (Kilmer)**
- Red CTA hoodie, CTA carabiner/straw/water bottle – **Sheila Drysdale (Castle Park)**
- Red CTA hoodie, CTA water bottle/ carabiner/straw – **Jacqueline Favelle (Glen)**



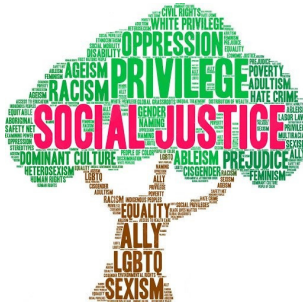
## PD DAY FOOD SURVEY RESULTS



**If you are still looking for PSA Day Opportunities Check out [psaday.ca](https://psaday.ca)**



COMMITTEE FOR  
ACTION ON  
SOCIAL JUSTICE  
**CASJ**



### CASJ Bookclub

Now's a great time to join, we will likely be starting the next book towards the end of October. Discussion is ongoing on Teams. We will be discussing bookclub at the next CASJ meeting, feel free to join us **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!!** Please forward any book titles for consideration to Diether (dmalakoff@cta43.org).

### CASJ COMMITTEE

**Thursday October 27 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. CASJ 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 queer, 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 answers
- 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](mailto:proud2be@familyservices.bc.ca), or go to [www.familyservices.bc.ca](http://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](http://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](mailto:kchristensen@cta43.org)

**(Last names G-L)** Kara Obojski, 1st Vice-President  
[kobojski@cta43.org](mailto:kobojski@cta43.org)

**(Last names M-R)** Diether Malakoff, 2nd Vice-President  
[dmalakoff@cta43.org](mailto:dmalakoff@cta43.org)

**(Last names S-Z)** Andy Gilligan, Labour Relations Officer  
[agilligan@cta43.org](mailto:agilligan@cta43.org)

## PD related questions

Meggan Crawford, PD Chairperson - [mcrawford@cta43.org](mailto:mcrawford@cta43.org)

## CTA Administration

Kelly Roberts, Executive Director - [kroberts@cta43.org](mailto:kroberts@cta43.org)

## Accounting/Finance - PD Reimbursements, Scholarships & CTA newsletter

Heidi Davis, Finance Administrator - [hdavis@cta43.org](mailto:hdavis@cta43.org)

## Membership, Website Access, Committees

Kelly Stewart, Office Clerk - [kstewart@cta43.org](mailto:kstewart@cta43.org)

## CTA PD Day, Website Updates, CTA Lending Library

Corbey Heyes-Jones, Office Clerk - [corbeyhj@cta43.org](mailto: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.

## COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES

### 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](mailto:ryancho@cta43.org). 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](mailto:kstewart@cta43.org)). If you have questions, call the CTA Office at 604-936-9971.

## CTA LENDING LIBRARY

For information about the CTA Lending Library email [lendinglibrary@cta43.org](mailto:lendinglibrary@cta43.org)



1-800-663-1142

TTY: 1-888-384-1152

International (Call collect):  
604-689-1717

[HomeWeb.ca](http://HomeWeb.ca)

### Employee and Family Assistance Program

Coaching | Counselling | Support

Confidential | Available anytime

## CTA Website Access



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](mailto:kstewart@cta43.org)