

# COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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## President's Message

### Local Election Results

It appears that in the Tri-Cities, a vote generally for good governance and progressive policies took place, at least in the School Trustee elections, which are of principal concern to us. This is good news. It turned to be a very unusual local election in many places in the province. It seems voter tolerance for positional politics reached its limit and people were not afraid of making a change, if they felt it was warranted. Definitely, Chilliwack is the star of this story in some ways, eliminating the anti-SOGI majority on the School Board, un-electing Barry Neufeld who was the poster boy for this and electing a trans man to the School Board. Changing demographics played a role here, as it did in many communities. I want to thank all the members of the CTA for heeding the messages, getting out to vote and convincing others to do the same. Local elections do matter and you showed you care about them.

### Bargaining Meeting

The CTA held its final bargaining information meeting (for now) via Zoom last night. It was well-attended and we think the format did make it easier for more people to attend. Looking ahead, we will heed that lesson in future meetings on this subject, though we will not abandon live meetings with the membership, as those have a special value as well. Bargaining continues between the BCTF and BCPSEA and we are happy to take any questions or hear any concerns from members on that matter. The more informed we are about what members think, makes deciding what to do a lot easier.

In Solidarity,  
Ken

# Staff Rep Training



**SURT will be held  
November 8 - 10, 2022  
at the CTA Office**



Information has been emailed to Staff Reps  
**if you did not get anything** please contact  
Kelly S at the CTA office ASAP [kstewart@cta43.org](mailto: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)**

## 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)

# LSA Meeting

Curious about starting or being a part of a Local Specialist Association (LSA)?

Join Coco Roberge to learn how!  
**Wednesday, October 26 4:30pm**

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87410175435?pwd=WUJnQVZRUlVMHdESFdwZU82MG0zdz09>

Meeting ID: 874 1017 5435

Passcode: 024371



A message from your CUE43 LSA! <http://cue43.ca>

- We are a group of volunteer teachers that support our fellow CTA members with educational technology.
- Let us know how best to serve you by doing our survey:  
<https://forms.office.com/r/rmjvhzgEmT>
- Check out our lending library of tech items you can borrow:  
<https://cue43.wordpress.com/lending-library/>

We welcome you to join us!

Contact Monica Dunn with questions:  
[mdunn@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:mdunn@sd43.bc.ca)



## 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](mailto:kstewart@cta43.org)).





# 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)