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# 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

<u>if you did not get anything</u> please contact

Kelly S at the CTA office ASAP <u>kstewart@cta43.org</u>





#### **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** 

# 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>

## 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: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87410175435?">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87410175435?</a></a>
<a href="pwd=WUpnQVZRUVITMHdESFdwZU82MG0zdz09">pwd=WUpnQVZRUVITMHdESFdwZU82MG0zdz09</a>

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/lendinglibrary/

We welcome you to join us!

Contact Monica Dunn with questions:

mdunn@sd43.bc.ca



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 Power

I hope that this past weekend gave some well-earned time to relax and connect with those you love! On Friday many teachers will be attending PSA conferences around BC – for those of you travelling to reach your PD events I hope you have a pleasant and safe trip. For those of you attending virtual events, please remember that you must be on site to attend, as per the employer's direction. PD Days are paid days of work and, as such, you're expected to be at work if you are not attending an event at another site. After you've attended the (hopefully amazing) events this Friday, please remember to send your conference report and receipt to <a href="mailto:pd@cta43.org">pd@cta43.org</a>. Conveniently, you then have a 'receipt' of your report submission in the Sent Items folder of your email. Please scan your documents in and email them to yourself before sending them to us. Our spam filter does not like the subject lines that the photocopiers generate so it's important that you switch the subject line to something like "Last Name – Conference Report". It takes quite some time to process the many hundred forms we receive for this day, so please be patient in waiting for your cheque to arrive. - \*Meggan Crawford\*, \*PD Chairperson">Meggan Crawford\*, PD Chairperson</a>

## COMMITTEE FOR ACTION ON SOCIAL JUSTICE



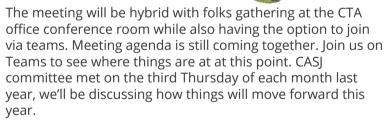


#### **CASJ Bookclub**

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).

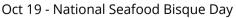
#### CASJ COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 27 at 4:00pm



CTA CASJ is now on Instagram! <u>Find us at socialjusticecta</u>. We're also on FB at <u>CTA CASJ</u>.

No experience necessary, new members welcome!! Please contact CTA liaison <u>Diether Malakoff</u> with any questions.



Oct 20 - National Chicken & Waffles Day

Oct 21 - National Pumpkin Cheesecake Day

Oct 22 - National Nut Day

Oct 23 - National Boston Cream Pie Day

Oct 24 - National Bologna Day

Oct 25 - National Greasy Food Day

#### **PSA Day Reimbursement**

How to speed up the process!!

You don't need to wait for your yellow forms
Fill in the Conference Report (click for direct link)

- YES! You do need to send your receipt in again
- **DO NOT** send anything directly from the photocopier send it to yourself and then forward it with your name as the subject
- NO jpgs! DO NOT forward or make documents a part of the body of your email
- Include proof of exchange rate if needed

Email conference report and receipt to pd@cta43.org
Only send these documents once, school mail or email,
multiple mailing will slow the process down.

## 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 CTA events occurring on October 18.

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 the latest developments.

All CTA members welcome! Contact Diether Malakoff (dmalakoff@cta43.org) if you have any questions.



## 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

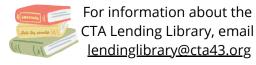
#### **District French Advisory Committee** Currently Full

#### **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





Health | Santé

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