

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

Bargaining

Pace in bargaining is reported to be speeding up. That's a good thing. Perhaps there is reason to be cautiously optimistic here? Do keep yourself informed by going to the Bargaining page on the BCTF website. All the proposals are there as well as the Bargaining Updates. We have been getting scattered feedback to the invitation in the last newsletter to send us any thoughts or considerations regarding bargaining. We are also willing to come out and speak to any school staff that wants to have a CTA meeting to discuss the matter. Just let us know by calling or emailing the office.

Failure to Fill

The CTA continues to engage with the employer on matters regarding hiring and ongoing TTOC shortages. We can easily foresee this issue continuing to develop, especially over the next few months, as cold, flu (and COVID) season heats up. We remind staff that administration is tasked with having a plan to make up the preps lost due to this particular cause. If you are unsure what the plan is, your Staff Rep can help and we can also assist with any concerns here. It is a good idea to create this plan through the contractual Collaborative Decision Making in Schools committee and wise to continue to monitor the plan through that vehicle as well.

In Solidarity,
Ken



PD Yellow Form Reimbursement

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!**
- **NO links** to receipts or attachments
- **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, by school mail or email **NOT** both, as multiple mailing will slow the process down.



Japanese Canadian Legacies Society

The Japanese Canadian Legacies Society is Calling All BC Teachers!

Be part of a team of BC educators who will design, develop, and build a brand new digital learning hub dedicated to teaching Japanese Canadian history. The Teacher Resources Committee is seeking six BC teachers from the K-12 education sector to be part of our resource development team. Successful applicants will be contracted for a 2-3 year term, will receive an honorarium and all meeting expenses will be covered by the project. Apply Now!

Applicant criteria

- Intermediate or secondary teaching experience in Social Studies or English Language Arts in BC (grade 5 or higher)
- Minimum of 5 years classroom teaching experience in a qualifying BC school
- Hold an active teaching certificate in BC
- Previous curriculum development experience is an asset, but not mandatory
- Willing to travel for meetings as required (Lower Mainland only)

Submit a current CV and a brief cover letter describing why you should be part of the development team to mperry@sd38.bc.ca before November 7, 2022.

BCTF Women's Institute

FEBRUARY 9-11, 2023 | COAST COAL HARBOUR HOTEL

We are excited to announce that the BCTF Women's Institute is back for 2023. **This in-person event will be on February 9-11, 2023, at the Coast Coal Harbour Hotel in Vancouver.**

The CTA can send one delegate who:

- identifies as a woman
- is new to union leadership
- has not attended previous Women's Institutes
- is available and committed to attending in February 2023.



LOAs, travel, accommodation, and additional childcare expenses will be covered by the BCTF for this event.

If you are interested, please send your CV to Kelly S @kstewart@cta43.org before 4:30 pm on Friday, November 18, 2022.

Additionally, members who identify as women will be able to apply directly to the BCTF to attend as an additional delegate. Preference will be given to members of equity seeking groups, including those with lived trans experience and new teachers. As soon as this information is available it will be here.

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 the CTA office ASAP - kstewart@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=WUJnQVZRUUVITMhdESFdwZU82MG0zd09>

Meeting ID: 874 1017 5435

Passcode: 024371

PD Power

After the PSA Day each year we receive several hundred conference reports as teachers complete their yellow form reimbursement. On that form we ask for information about how your PD event was, what topics were covered, and how the information could best be shared in the future. Towards the bottom of the form, however, there is a space for "Other comments". In that space, we are always appreciative if you can provide any recommendations for workshops or specific speakers who you would like to see as a part of our February CTA PD Day. Although they aren't always available (or within our budget), the PD team will always reach out to those you recommend (it's great if you know their contact info and include it on your conference report)! We want your PD days to be meaningful and relevant, so if you heard from or saw someone you'd like to work further with, please let us know and we will do our best to include them in future PD events whenever possible. If you've already submitted your conference report, you can email your recommendations to mcrawford@cta43.org - they're welcome anytime throughout the year!

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 Meeting

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. The meeting agenda is still coming together. Join us on Teams to see where things are at at this point. The CASJ 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](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.

The Goods on Gourds

- About 90% of a pumpkin is water.
- Pumpkin seeds contain many health benefits as they're filled with vitamins, minerals and unsaturated fatty acids.
- Pumpkins are grown on every continent except Antarctica.
- Pumpkins were once thought to be a cure for snakebites



TTOCs & New Teachers

TTOC Meeting

Next Meeting Tuesday, November 22, 2022

Please check the [CTA TTOC Facebook Group](https://www.facebook.com/cta.ttoc) for details and the link to join the Zoom meeting.

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

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.



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



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

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.

COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES

CTA Standing Committees

CTA PD Committee

1 Middle Rep, 1 TTOC Rep,
1 Adult Ed Rep, 1 Learning Services Rep,
1 Indigenous Member, 1 Member of Colour

CTA Teachers Teaching on Call Committee

8 Members-at-Large, 1 Indigenous Member,
1 Member of Colour

CTA Committee of Action on Social Justice (CASJ)

2 Middle Reps, 1 Member-at-Large rep,
1 Elementary Rep, 1 Indigenous Member,
1 Member of Colour

School District Advisory Committees

Student Services Advisory - 2 CTA Reps

Student Achievement Advisory - 1 CTA Rep

District Student Wellness & Safety - 1 CTA Rep

District Aboriginal Ed Advisory - Currently Full

District French Advisory - Currently Full

District Technology Advisory - 1 CTA Reps

CTA Adult Educators

1 Learning Centre Rep

CTA Policy and Procedure Committee

1 Indigenous Member, 1 Member of Colour

CTA Scholarship, Awards and Bursary Committee

1 Cont. Ed. Rep, 1 Indigenous Member, 1 Alt Ed Rep
1 Member of Colour, 2 Additional CTA Members

CTA BIPOC Educators' Committee

For more information, please email Ryan Cho. To join the CTA BIPOC Educators' Committee email list, please fill out the form here: <https://forms.gle/zjuQ98d4j1UXY1GX9>

New Westminster & District Labour Council

5 CTA reps

Teachers interested in any of these committees should go to 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 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](#)



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TTY: 1-888-384-1152
International (Call collect):
604-689-1717

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CTA LENDING LIBRARY



For information about the CTA Lending Library, email lendinglibrary@cta43.org