

# COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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## President's Message

### Hmmm....Snowmageddon?

Just to add to the already unbearable situation with shortages, failure to fill and illness, Mother Nature decided to open her shopping bag and dump a foot of slimy white stuff on all the roads and highways. Yoiks! I certainly hope everyone got home safe and sound yesterday and is able to safely journey this morning. I understand we are viewed as "soft on snow" by our prairie and eastern colleagues but, we have something they don't: warmer temperatures, hills and curves. So, take care out there, it looks like we are in for a few days of this on and off.

### BCTF on Iran Protests

The BCTF has issued a statement condemning the actions of the Iranian government in violently suppressing its people. The CTA stands with the people of Iran and the BCTF in this condemnation. It's an unconscionable act of state-sponsored terror to do things like the random imprisonment and kidnapping, racist, gender and ethnic-based attacks, physical violence and murder, suppression of the media, threats to families at home or abroad and many other authoritarian tactics. The world is definitely taking a swing towards authoritarianism again and this is what you get when these regimes take and hold power. The promises they make to the people are all designed to install themselves into unquestioned positions of influence. The truth comes out when that is allowed. This is a terrible reminder that things can still get so much worse, even in our privileged civil society, if we are not ever vigilant.

Here is a link to the BCTF's statement of solidarity:

<https://www.bctf.ca/whats-happening/news-details/2022/11/29/bc-teachers-stand-in-solidarity-with-the-people-of-iran>.

### Ratification Vote

Teachers are reminded that this is the last day to cast your ballot in the ratification vote being held right now. The polls will close today at 6 pm so, if you haven't exercised your franchise yet, please do so. The ballot was sent to your personal email on file with the BCTF. The BCTF EC members will be reaching out to Local Presidents with the results through the evening. We will message that out to members as soon as possible afterwards.

Link to the ratification vote FAQ:

<https://www.bctf.ca/whats-happening/news-details/2022/11/22/ratification-vote-frequently-asked-questions>

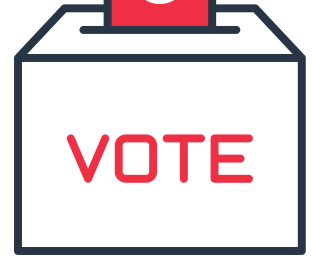
In Solidarity,  
Ken

# Ratification Vote



**DON'T FORGET**

Polls close at 6 PM tonight,  
Wednesday November 30, 2022  
Voting links were sent to the personal  
email the BCTF has on file for you



## BCTF AGM Delegates

The BCTF AGM will be held March 18 - 21, 2023  
at the Hyatt Regency Vancouver

The CTA will elect 26 delegates to the BCTF AGM  
at our General Meeting, January 18, 2023.

Please submit your CV form to  
[kstewart@cta43.org](mailto:kstewart@cta43.org) before January 10, 2023

Forms can be found on our website  
<https://www.coquitlamteachers.com/portal/portal-page/cta-forms/>

## New Teacher Induction

The Coquitlam Teachers' Association invites you to join us for appetizers and conversation to celebrate teachers new to the district and to the profession. It's also a great opportunity to meet members of CTA committees and your local union office.

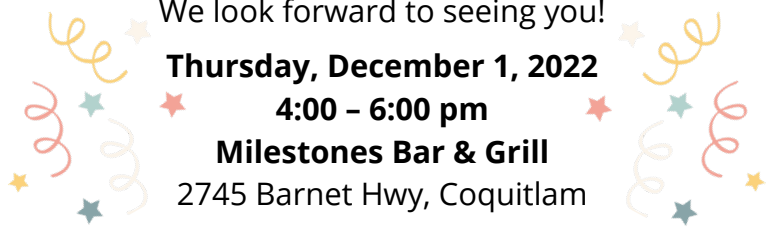
We look forward to seeing you!

Thursday, December 1, 2022

4:00 - 6:00 pm

Milestones Bar & Grill

2745 Barnet Hwy, Coquitlam



## BCTF Women's Institute



FEBRUARY 9-11, 2023 | COAST COAL HARBOUR HOTEL

The posting for members to apply as additional delegates to the BCTF Women's Institute 2023 is now live at the following link: <https://www.bctf.ca/whats-happening/news-details/2022/11/01/additional-delegates-to-the-2023-women-s-institute>.

The BCTF Executive Committee will be appointing additional delegates as follows:

- Up to 25 additional delegates who identify as women from the membership-at-large, with preference given to those who, are members of other equity-seeking groups, including those with lived trans experience, and who have not attended previous Women's Institutes.
- Up to 10 additional delegates who identify as women and are in their first five years of teaching and have not attended previous Women's Institutes.

**Deadline for these applications is November 30, 2022.**

## Thank You and Congratulations!!

The following members have been appointed to committees or other CTA positions, we thank them for their time;

Ronak Pahlevanlu (Riverside Secondary)

Haymen Leong (Port Moody Secondary)

**CTA Reps to the BC Fed Convention**

Marina Meredith (Coast Salish Elementary)

**CTA Rep to the BCTF Women's Institute**

Penny Turpin

**CTA Rep to the District Indigenous Education Committee**

**YOU ROCK**

The following positions are currently available on the

**CTA Executive Committee**

**Member at Large (2)**

**Member at Large, Person of Colour (1)**

If you are interested in running for one of these positions please go to our website to get and submit a CV to Kelly S, [kstewart@cta43.org](mailto:kstewart@cta43.org) by Jan 6, 2023.

# PD Power

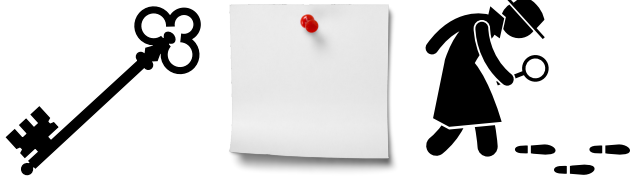


The theme of our February 24, 2023 PD Day is Reconnection. After everything that teachers, educational communities, and humans in general have been through over the last several years this is a chance to gather and remember why we all chose this profession. Sharing ideas and learning, chatting with a colleague over a cup of coffee, and enjoying a common experience all help to ground us in our work and strengthen our connections as educators. Although we hope that every PD day is meaningful, we know that we don't get all of us together in one space very often so the February day is a different opportunity. The PD Committee is hard at work to do our best to make "Reconnect 2023" an amazing day of learning, collaboration, and true connection. This Friday is the last day you can submit a workshop proposal to share something at the PD day - we encourage you to give presenting or facilitating a try if you haven't already!

## Would you like to present a workshop at the February 24, 2023 PD Day?

Please submit a workshop proposal at: <https://cvent.me/Qgdkgx>

**Deadline for proposals is this Friday December 2, 2022**



Our February keynote is the full package: inspirational, energetic, empowering, and hilarious. Take a moment to email [mcrowford@cta43.org](mailto:mcrowford@cta43.org) if you think you know who will help us teach, lead, and love.

## CTA LSA Council

An LSA (Local Specialist Association) is a local chapter of a PSA (Provincial Specialist Association).

If you are interested in networking with or joining a group of teachers in the same specialty or focal point contact one of Coquitlam's LSA's!

### Coquitlam Music Teachers Association (CMTA)

Susan Kiddie - President

### Tech Ed (Technology Education)

Peter Orlandi - Acting President

### CUE43 (SD43 Education Technology)

Elaan Bauder - President

### Coquitlam Drama Teachers' Association

Coco Roberge - Chairperson

### Environment Educators of Coquitlam

Alexa Charles - Co-Chairperson

### Coquitlam Teacher Librarians Association (CTLA)

Ryan McMahan - President

Looking for information about starting a new LSA?  
Contact LSA Council Chair Coco Roberge for assistance.

## Coquitlam Teachers' Association

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### Lending Library

<https://ctalibrary.libib.com>

Email [lendinglibrary@cta43.org](mailto:lendinglibrary@cta43.org) to create an account.



COMMITTEE FOR  
ACTION ON  
SOCIAL JUSTICE

CASJ



## CASJ Meeting

**Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 4:00pm**

All meetings are hybrid at the CTA conference room and via Teams. We will be planning events for early in the new year. If there are social justice oriented films that you think others would be interested in, let us know. We are interested in organizing some film screenings, details to be determined. Contact Diether with any questions. (dmalakoff@cta43.org)

## CASJ Bookclub

**Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 5:00pm**

We will be discussing "Minor Feelings" by Cathy Park Hong. If you'd like to join us, please reach out and we can arrange access to the book. We will also be considering our next bookclub title in the new year, so forward any favourites! Contact Diether with any questions (dmalakoff@cta43.org) **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!**

**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 [Diether Malakoff](mailto:dmalakoff@cta43.org) with any questions.**

# TTOCs & New Teachers

## TTOC Meeting

**Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 4:00 pm via zoom**

Please check the [CTA TTOC Facebook Group](#) 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 the union rights of TTOCs as well as getting union training, or attending various union events please join us.

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

CASJ social

Meet like-minded teachers who are passionate about social justice

Date: Thursday Dec 8th  
Time: 4-630pm  
Where: CTA office (Large Conference room)  
[Click here to RSVP](#)

## CTA supports the teachers of the Carmen Serdan Rural Teacher College

The CTA stands with the student teachers of the Carmen Serdan Rural Teacher College in the northeast part of the state of Puebla, in Mexico.

These teachers have suffered oppression by the government of Mexico, trying to starve them out of existence to continue the wave of privatization of education in Mexico. These teachers are all women, with representation from indigenous peoples, as well.

These teacher colleges have been a beacon of hope and freedom to rural people in Mexico since 1910 and are a legacy of the Mexican revolution.

The CTA has committed some of its own resources as a donation to help these teachers survive this onslaught by the government of Mexico. We encourage our members and the general public to offer their own support to the cause these teachers represent.

La Asociación de Maestros de Coquitlam (La CTA) se solidariza con las maestras practicante de la Escuela Normal Rural "Carmen Serdán" en el noroeste del estado de Puebla, México.

Estas maestras han sufrido opresión del gobierno de México, tratando de negarles acceso a comida para continuar la ola de privatización de la educación en México. Todas estas maestras son mujeres, con representación de los pueblos indígenas también.

Estas escuelas normales han sido un faro de esperanza y libertad para la población rural en México desde 1910 y son un legado de la revolución mexicana.

La CTA ha comprometido algunos de sus propios recursos como una donación para ayudar a estas maestras a sobrevivir a este ataque del gobierno de México. Animamos a nuestros miembros y al público en general a ofrecer su propio apoyo a la causa que estas maestras representan.



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)

If your situation is already being handled by an officer not matching your alpha assignment, please continue to liaise with that officer.

#### 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)

## COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES

### CTA Standing Committees

#### CTA PD Committee

- 1 Middle Rep, 1 TTOC Rep, 1 CASJ
- 1 Adult Ed Rep, 1 Learning Services Rep,
- 1 Member who identifies as Indigenous
- 1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour

#### CTA Teachers Teaching on Call Committee

- 8 Members-at-Large,
- 1 Member who identifies as Indigenous
- 1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour

#### CTA Committee of Action on Social Justice (CASJ)

- 2 Middle Reps, 1 Member-at-Large rep ,
- 1 Elementary Rep, 1 Member who identifies as Indigenous, 1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person 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 Indigenous 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 Member who identifies as Indigenous
- 1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour

#### CTA Scholarship, Awards and Bursary Committee

- 1 Cont. Ed. Rep, 1 Alt Ed Rep, 2 Additional CTA Members
- 1 Member who identifies as Indigenous
- 1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour

#### CTA BIPOC Educators' Committee

For more information, please email Ryan Cho.

#### New Westminster and 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](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)

### 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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