

# COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS

## President's Message

### Best Wishes for the Holidays!

The CTA recognizes that many faiths and traditions celebrate at this time and the unifying thing amongst all of them is the reuniting of family, the celebration of kinship and friendship and the kind display of compassion for others.

It is with the sincerest intent that the CTA wishes everyone in our organization and their families best wishes for the holidays and the new year. We are all aware of how challenging this fall has been and we express hope that the holiday bring rejuvenation and that we can continue to try and meet the challenges of the new year from a position of strength.

Happy holidays from the officers and staff of the Coquitlam Teachers' Association.

In Solidarity,  
Ken

# CTA OFFICE

## Winter Break Closures

The CTA Office will **close at noon on Wednesday, December 14, 2022** for our annual office clean up. Please leave a message or email with any needs, we will respond as soon as we can.



The office will be closed for Winter Break from **Saturday, December 17, 2022 to Tuesday, January 3, 2023.**

## CTA Rep Assembly

**Wednesday, January 18, 2023 4:00PM**  
**Winslow Gallery Room**

### Agenda

First Nations Acknowledgement

1. Call to Order
  - Adoption of the agenda
  - Adoption of the minutes of the Representative Assembly held November 16, 2022
2. Ratification of Committee Appointments
3. Adjournment

## CTA General Meeting

**Wednesday, January 18, 2023 4:15PM**  
**Winslow Gallery Room**

### Agenda

1. Call to Order
  - Adoption of the agenda Agenda
  - Adoption of the minutes of the General Meeting held November 16, 2022
2. Election
  - BCTF AGM Delegates
  - CTA Executive Committee (if CV's received)
3. Leadership Report
4. School Concerns
5. Prize Draw
6. Adjournment [5:45]

The following positions are currently available on the **CTA Executive Committee**

**Member at Large (2)**

**Member at Large, Black or 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.

# 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/forms-scholarships/cta-forms/>



## BCTF NEW TEACHER ZOOM GATHERING

Are you an early career teacher who's interested in meeting and connecting with other teachers like yourself?

If so, then this is the group for you!

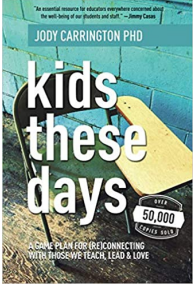
- How: We're hassle-free! Just drop in, bring your listening ears, and maybe a cup of your favourite coffee or tea.
- Who: Teachers with five or fewer years of teaching experience. We'll have rooms in English and French.
- What: We will have group conversations on topics that attendees want to discuss. There will also be a presentation on how early career teachers can contribute towards truth, reconciliation, and healing in the classroom.

**When: January 17, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.**

**[Click here to register and get the zoom link.](#)**

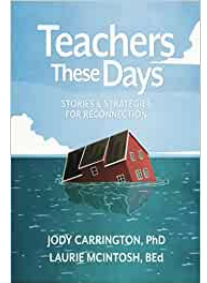
# PD Power

I hope that everyone has something relaxing and restful planned for this Winter Break! If you are celebrating something, I hope it is a joyful celebration with people you enjoy. ! Thank you to all those who submitted workshop proposals for the February PD day – I hope to connect with you all this week about scheduling your workshops. The PD Committee is looking forward to our upcoming learning with Dr. Carrington – this break is well timed to allow you to do some pre-reading if you're interested! Check out Dr. Carrington's two books (info below) or wait until January for the release of Feeling Seen.



**Kids These Days** focuses on the importance of the relationship between educators and their students, but that it first requires the educator to look after themselves.

**Teachers These Days** speaks to the heart-work of teaching, the difficult conversations that are often a part of our days, and the need for teachers to care for themselves (and for others to care for them) in order to do this important work.



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](#). We're also on FB at [CTA CASJ](#).**

**No experience necessary, new members welcome!! Please contact [Diether Malakoff](#) 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.**

## Happy Retirement Maria Morello! You will be missed

Mrs. Morello taught in Coquitlam at Glen Elementary for 36 years and will be remembered as an inspirational, and dedicated teacher who loved her students.

Please join Maria to celebrate the end of a wonderful teaching career on Saturday, January 28th, 2023 at 6pm.

The celebration is at the Demco's home  
1315 Acadia Road.

[Please click here for details.](#)

\$30 Party and Gift

\$10 Gift

If you are out of District, please e-transfer at:  
rhanzen@sd43.bc.ca



Please see the list below for the officer or staff member best able to help you.

**(Last names A-F)** Ken Christensen, President  
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**(Last names G-L)** Kara Obojski, 1st Vice-President  
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**(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  
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**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**

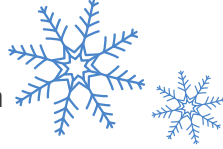
Kelly Stewart, Office Clerk - [kstewart@cta43.org](mailto:kstewart@cta43.org)

**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 Standing Committees

**CTA PD Committee**

- 1 Middle Rep, 1 TTOC Rep, 1 CASJ
- 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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