



COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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May 10

4:00pm at

Winslow Gym

Coquitlam Teachers' Association

YEAR END GENERAL MEETING

- Elections
- CTA 50th Anniversary Celebration
- Honorary Memberships
- Prizes
- Snacks

All CTA members are invited to attend the meeting

For more information: 604-936-9971 or kroberts@cta43.org

The following members have submitted their names and CV's for election before deadline.

President: Ken Christensen

1st Vice President: Diether Malakoff

2nd Vice President: Meggan Crawford

Local Reps to the BCTF (2 vacancies):

Melissa Illing (Centennial)

Ben Whipps (Lord Baden Powell)

Members At Large (6 vacancies):

Amanda Roberts (Pinetree Secondary)

Rob Dalmann (James Park)

President's Message

Year End General Meeting

We have been asking members to come out to the Year End General Meeting for a good while (May 10, 4pm, Winslow Gym). I'd like to add my voice to this again. It is very exciting to acknowledge Kathleen Thomson, Caroline Malm, Teresa Grandinetti, Gordon Wickerson, and Wendy Williams with honorary CTA memberships at this meeting. We are also electing an Executive for 2023-24. There will be food, fanfare and fun! We are really encouraging members to attend the meeting. We'll keep the speeches tight and focus on celebrating our 50th anniversary of becoming a registered Society in 1973.

TTOC Appreciation Week Event

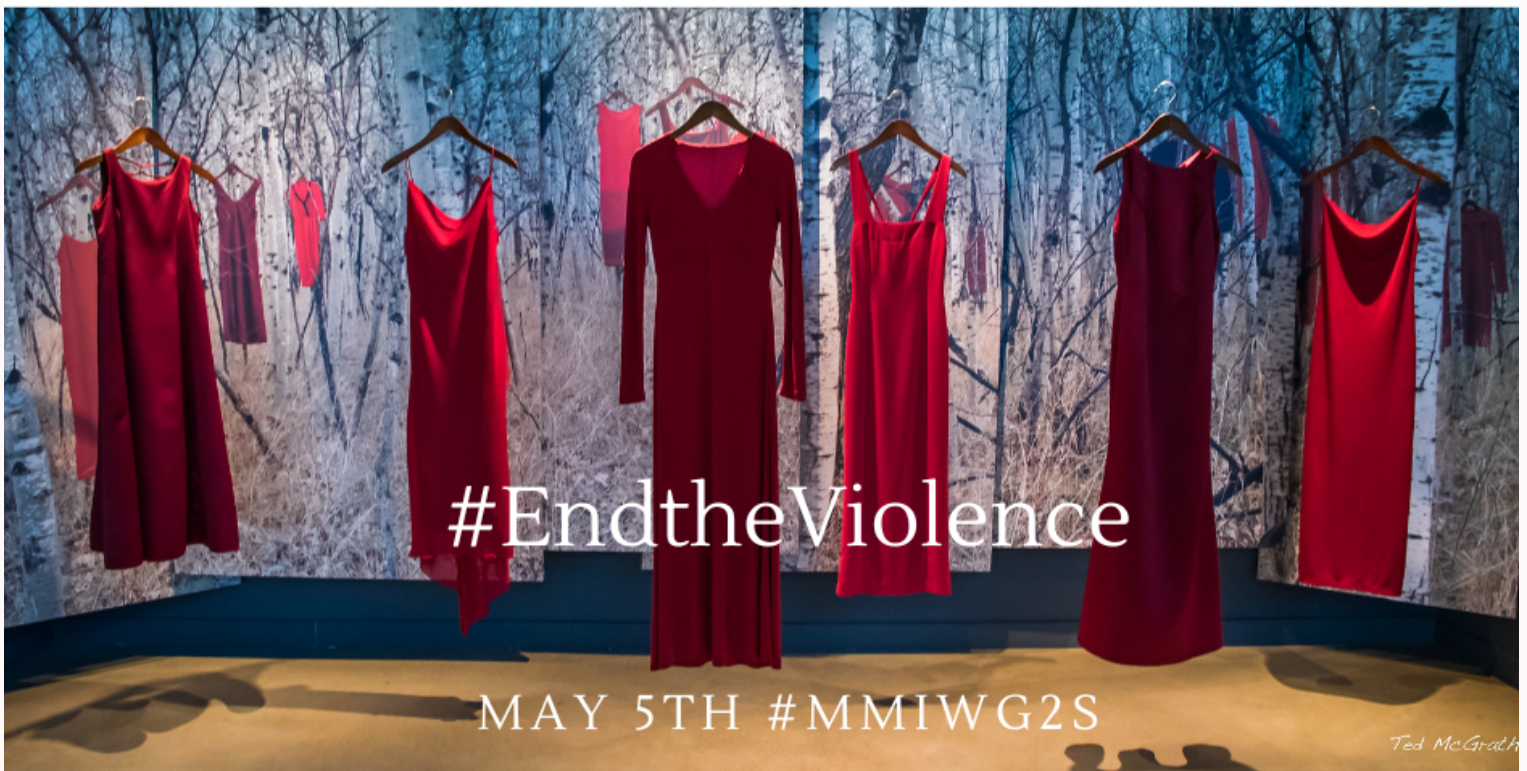
This week is TTOC Appreciation Week and we certainly want to acknowledge the essential role TTOCs play in our organization. We all saw what the provincial teacher shortage did to the system and the people in it earlier this year. The people standing in that breach are our TTOCs, and we are very grateful for their efforts. Yesterday, we had an Ice Cream Social for TTOCs in Rocky Point Park. We had our CTA tent and flags out, EC members attended and TTOCs came by to receive free Rocky Point Ice Cream and socialize. It was a great success and we were very pleased to recognize our TTOCs in this way. If you have a TTOC with you in school this week, we encourage you to thank them for what they do and how they help us all.

In Solidarity
Ken



TTOCs and Maternity/Parental Leave and other ESA Leaves

All members, including members working as TTOCs, should be receiving experience credit for any time on a statutory leave under the Employment Standards Act (ESA). The ESA provides for various statutory leaves but the one with the greatest impact on members' experience credit would be maternity/parental leaves, as they are the longest. **If you took any leaves under the ESA, including a maternity/parental leave, while working as a TTOC, please contact our local office.**



PD Power

IGNITE43 is back and we would love for you to join us for an evening of connection, learning, food, and socializing! In just over two weeks more than ten Coquitlam teachers will be sure to spark your inspiration as they share their five minute presentations around the theme of Reconnection. With topics ranging from the impact of a pet to meaning found in a great book, there is something for everyone. The evening is structured to ensure everyone has time to chat, enjoy the presentations, share ideas, and feast on some great food. We will start out with some appetizers, followed by a handful of presentations, then a buffet main course (including vegan and gluten free options of course), more presentations, a light dessert, and then the final few presentations. The cost of \$30 (for Coquitlam teachers and teacher candidates) can be put through a yellow form if you choose to do so. Spaces are filling quickly – register now to guarantee your seat: <https://cvent.me/327x23>. You will receive an invoice after you register and must make payment before the event!



May 18
IGNITE43
is back!

Register Now at:
<https://cvent.me/327x23>

\$30 for CTA members & Teacher Candidates
\$50 for Non-CTA members



STA Sooke Teachers' Association

PRO-D CONFERENCE

May 29, 2023

FEATURING KEYNOTE:
Rosemary Sadler
What is Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and how does it apply to us?

VIRTUAL SESSION - 12:15pm - 1:15pm

Workshop Highlights:

- Richard Van Camp - Reclaiming Family Medicines as Self-Care for Teachers (K-12)
- Hannah Beach - Understanding Adolescents from the Inside Out (6-12)
- Jeannie DeBoice - Number Sense Routines (K-5)
- Kathleen Weinkam & Lindy Kovacic - Culturally Responsive Teaching (K-12)
- Nancy Archer - Teaching ELL Students in Science (6-12)
- VSAC - Safer Braver Spaces (6-12)
- Rachelle Dallaire - Dispelling Myths and Stereotypes (K-12)
- Wayne Loutet - Mathematics and Magic (6-12)

plus many more...

Free for Sooke Teachers' Association Members
\$50 for Non-Members

REGISTER TODAY!

Choose from over 25 virtual and in-person workshops!



ACE 2023

ADULT CENTRED EDUCATION CONFERENCE
May 18 & 19, 2023 Coquitlam, B.C.
www.aceconference.net

Executive Plaza Hotel Vancouver,
Coquitlam 405 North Road, Coquitlam, B.C.

Full Conference: \$399 EARLY BIRD RATE until April 4, 2023 \$449 as of April 5, 2023.
Groups of more than 5 - \$389 each

Thursday or Friday Only: \$259 EARLY BIRD RATE until April 4, 2023, \$292 as of April 5, 2023. Groups of more than 5 - \$249 each

STUDENT TEACHERS WELCOME!!! 40% off registration.
**Valid Student ID is required in advance of conference

To register or for more information visit www.aceconference.net or call 604.936.4261

ALL meals, snacks, refreshments and parking are included in the registration fee!

Failure to Fill

Please follow the link below to the CTA website where you will find our fillable form. We are asking teachers to complete the brief form each time prep or service time is lost or recovered. When having our ongoing discussions with the Board regarding TTOC shortages our biggest tool is data.

[Failure to Fill Tracking Form](#)

If you have any questions on filling out the form please contact Diether Malakoff, 2nd Vice President dmalakoff@cta43.org or 604-936-9971

Retirement Workshops Presented by the BCRTA

The last few BCRTA workshops for the year are coming up. [Click here to register for a workshop now.](#)

Workshop dates for 2023:

Wednesday, May 24, 2023 @ 7 PM

Wednesday, May 31, 2023 @ 4 PM



Get to know your CTA Team

Ahoy hoy everyone! My name is Ken Christensen and I'm the President of the CTA. I've been President for the last 7 years and have more than 20 years' union experience through my table officer roles and committee work. I am passionate about advocating for teachers, whether it be at the bargaining table, school budget meetings, community social justice issues, or the individual needs of any teacher who calls. When I'm not working, I love to spend time with my partner, Sandra and my two rescue rabbits, Andre and Hopscotch. When the weather gets warm, I also enjoy working on my cars, motorcycle, and drag racing at Mission Raceway.



Asian Heritage Month

May is Asian Heritage Month in Canada, a time to reflect on and recognize the many contributions that people of Asian origin have made and continue to make to Canada.

Check out the links below for resources and information.

- [Virtual Museum of Asian Canadian Culture](#)
- [Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Vancouver](#)
- [Vancouver exploreASIAN Festival 2023](#)
- [Asian Heritage in Canada](#)
- [Government of Canada - Organizations and Educational Resources](#)

Does your school have something to share? Send your articles, posters, photos etc. to Heidi hdavis@cta43.org and we will try to include it in a future newsletter.

ASIAN IMPACT SOCIETY presents

YOUR ART YOUR REFLECTIONS

MULTICULTURALISM, DIVERSITY AND ANTI-RACISM ART CONTEST AND EXHIBITION

CALL FOR ARTISTS | DEADLINE 1 JUNE 2023

8 SEPT- 9 NOV 2023 | EXHIBITION AT PLACE DES ARTS
CASH PRIZE | OPEN TO ALL AGES | FREE TO PARTICIPATE

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#ARTREFLECTIONS

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Spirit of Coquitlam GRANT 2022

PLACE DES ARTS home to our arts community

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) Meggan Crawford, PD Chairperson,
Member Support 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 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)

- 1 Secondary, 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** - Currently Full
- District Indigenous Ed Advisory** - Currently Full
- District French Advisory** - Currently Full
- District Technology Advisory** - 1 CTA Rep

CTA Adult Educators

Currently Full

CTA Policy and Procedure Committee

- 1 CTA Member-at-Large
- 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). 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

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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