

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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Winter BCTF Rep Assembly Report

The BCTF Winter Rep. Assembly was January 28-29, 2024. Some preliminary finance motions were passed including a fee recommendation that will make its way to the BCTF AGM.

A CTA motion seeking advocacy for mental health supports for youth, from our counselling LSA, successfully carried. The meeting also heard several reports and updates including info on some upcoming changes to SIP governance (implementing a trustee structure), and recent and upcoming BCTF advertisement campaigns.

We elected delegates to the Canadian Teachers' Federation AGM, and also elected Brenda Celesta (Kamloops) to an interim position (Member-at-Large Aboriginal) for the BCTF Executive Committee. Her term will run until June.

Next up: BCTF AGM in March.



CTA General Meeting

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 - 4:00 PM

Zoom - more info coming soon

General Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order
2. School Concerns
3. Bargaining [In-Committee]
 - Resolutions to the BCTF Bargaining Conference
4. Prize Draw
5. Adjournment [5:45pm]

Please complete this brief **Failure to Fill Tracking 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.

If you have any questions on filling out the form please contact Diether Malakoff, 1st Vice President dmalakoff@cta43.org or 604-936-9971

Together 2024

Advocacy, Allyship, Antiracism



<https://cvent.me/3NBE07?locale=en-US>

President's Message

Well, people, it's that time of year again. The District Budget consultation process starts next week, Tuesday, at 6:30 at the School Board Office. Next week is the special presentation meeting where the budget is initially presented and then delegations from partner groups make their advocacy asks on behalf of their various memberships. The CTA will be making a presentation, as will the Counselling LSA, and probably other partner groups, although I haven't seen the final agenda yet, to determine who's speaking. There is never enough money in education to meet all the needs of teachers and students, that is a tale as old as time. Still, it is valuable to articulate those needs and move the needle where we can. The elimination of layoff last year was a profound change that bettered the lives of working teachers here. It's not always possible to make such a significant gain for teachers but, it is valuable to try to get incremental gains. Please consider yourself invited to the next Board meeting to see the deliberation and presentations and the following budget meetings where the budget takes its final form.



Executive Committee Vacancy

The following position is still vacant

One (1) Member-At-Large who identifies as Indigenous

If you are interested in running for this position please go to our [website](#), to get and submit a CV (Forms & Scholarships) to [Corbey at the CTA](#)

Negotiations Committee

Our Collective Agreement is up for re-negotiation in 2025, and a new Negotiations Committee is required.

As per CTA Policy 7.a the committee still has the following spots available:

- 1 Member who identifies as Indigenous
- 1 Member who identifies as a Person of Colour
- 1 Member who identifies as Black

Members-at-large shall be elected to serve until a new Collective Agreement has been ratified by both parties.

If you are interested in running for one of these positions please submit a [CV](#) to Corbey at the CTA Office.

If you have any questions please contact [Meggan Crawford](#), Chief Negotiator or call 604-936-9971

BC Teachers' Council Program Assessment Team

As part of its legislated regulatory function the BC Teachers' Council (BCTC) is responsible for conducting cyclical reviews of each of BC's nine teacher education programs (TEPs) which includes a Maintenance Review every 6 years. To create its pool of candidates, the BCTC is seeking to identify 12 teacher practitioners, in a fair and equitable manner, by calling for nominations.

Candidate Criteria for Educators

- Hold a valid Certificate of Qualification
- Have extensive knowledge and recent experience with teacher candidates' summative practica, either as a classroom sponsor/mentor teacher or in a supervisory role for a TEP. Supervision occurred within the last 5 years with a minimum of 2 experiences and involved mentoring, observing, and evaluating the Teacher Candidate (or equivalent experience)
- Have some experience with committee work
- Not be a current employee of the Ministry of Education and Child Care or the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills (including secondments)
- Not be elected to or a declared candidate for public office in the provincial government or a board of education
- Agree to due diligence screening as required
- Be willing and available to take training as provided

This is an exciting opportunity for educators to apply their experience and expertise in teacher education, working alongside the BC Teachers' Council and the Association of BC Deans of Education to ensure that Teacher Education Program Approval Standards are maintained. For information on the responsibilities and remuneration please [click here](#).

Interested teachers should go to our website for a curriculum vitae form and submit it to the CTA Office (corbeyhj@cta43.org) before 4:30 pm on Friday, February 16, 2024. The Executive Committee will review all applications and the successful candidate will be notified after the February 21, 2024 meeting.

PD Power

Registration for the February 23, 2024 PD day is officially open!

There are over 100 workshops to choose from and we encourage you to register soon to avoid disappointment. If there are sessions with low enrollment we may be forced to cancel them, so please make sure to take a few minutes and make your selections soon. Most of the sessions (and the awesome keynote) will be at Terry Fox Secondary (1260 Riverwood Gate in Port Coquitlam) – those that are offsite are noted in their workshop descriptions. Please note that coffee, tea, and some light snacks will be provided, but you'll need to bring your own lunch. To register, please visit <https://cvent.me/3NBEO7?locale=en-US> – remember that your registration is not complete until you reach the screen that says Congratulations!

CTA PD DAY - FEBRUARY 23, 2024 WORKSHOP SPOTLIGHT

If you haven't registered for the CTA PD Day on February 23, 2024, check out this workshop led by **Kristen Bob from the Indian Residential School Survivor Society**.

Cultural Agility Over Competency: What is Cultural Agility?

Kristen will discuss defining cultural agility, why this terminology is important and, understanding, as a diverse community, we cannot be competent in other people's cultures.

This workshop also briefly discusses some of our history with Residential School and trauma and how it affects us today.



COMMITTEE FOR ACTION ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

CASJ



CASJ will be hosting their next meeting on Zoom on **February 8, 2024**. We invite all CTA members to join us to discuss social justice and how it intersects with our roles as teachers and community members. The CASJ book club is continuing with [The Skin We're In](#) by Desmond Cole and we are hoping to discuss the first half of the book at this meeting. Once again, you're welcome to join for some discussion and idea sharing about this text!

If you'd like to attend as a guest or if you have any questions, please reach out to **[CASJ Chairperson Melissa Illing](#)**.

BIPOC Educators' Committee

The CTA BIPOC Educators' Committee is for any Coquitlam teacher who identifies as Black, Indigenous, or a Person of Colour. For more information: <https://www.coquitlamteachers.com/committees/bipoc-educators-committee/>.

BIPOC teachers can join our email list without regularly attending meeting or joining the committee. Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 27 at 4pm, Millside Centre.

To join us or ask any questions you might have contact Ryan Cho at bipoceducators@cta43.org

TTOCs & New Teachers

The TTOC committee is still seeking additional members to do the important work of advocating for the unique work of TTOCs. The committee aims to meet once a month and discusses ways to support the TTOC community, plans events for TTOCs, and shares ideas for improvements with other CTA committees. If you'd like to be a part of this dynamic group, please fill in the CV on the CTA website – we would truly love to have you. If you have any questions about the work of this group, please email Meggan Crawford.

SANCTUARY SCHOOLS WORKING GROUP

The CTA is seeking 6 CTA members to form a working group to inform the CTA Executive Committee's work on engaging the district on the matter of adopting a Sanctuary Schools Policy.

If you have any questions about the working group, please contact Diether Malakoff, 1st Vice President.

Please submit a CV form to the [CTA office](#) before 4 pm, Wednesday, February 21, 2024.

RETIREMENT WORKSHOPS

Presented by the BC Retired Teachers' Association

The important decisions about your retirement lifestyle should not be made at the last minute, this seminar will prepare you to confidently make choices that are right for you. The agenda includes: TPP, CPP, OAS, and voluntary group benefits.

All teachers age 50+ should plan to attend one of BCRTA's FREE Pre-Retirement Zoom workshops.

Please pre-register at <https://bcрта.ca/workshop>.

All sessions will be held at 7pm on the following nights;

- February 29, 2024
- April 3, 2024
- April 16, 2024
- April 16, 2024
- May 9, 2024

🌐 CUE43: Connecting Educators with Technology Integration

Are you a teacher intrigued by digital technology in the classroom? Consider joining CTA's Local Specialist Association CUE43, a community for educators interested in integrating technology to their practice. CUE43 has joined their resources to the CTA Lending Library, and you should check it out! There are many offerings you can use with a class or club at your school. Share insights on potential additions to the lending library during our upcoming meeting on February 7th at 3:30 PM at Charles Best Secondary School. For more info and to RSVP, message kekeli@sd43.bc.ca or join with the TEAMS Code: p7eno9i.

Black History Month

February 1 - 29, 2024



In February, we participate in Black History Month events and festivities to honour the legacy of Black people in Canada and our communities.

[BC Black History Awareness Society](#)

[Government of Canada - "Black Excellence: A Heritage to Celebrate; a Future to Build"](#)

[Amnesty International - Canada](#)

[Immigrant Services Society of BC](#)

[Hogan's Alley Society](#)

[Black Strathcona](#)

[Click here](#) to explore some Black History Month Events.

VICTORIA!

FALL CONFERENCE OCTOBER 25, 2024
ONLINE AND IN PERSON AT ROYAL BAY SECONDARY

Workshop proposals accepted until February 25 at sessionize.com/myPITA

Harbour View Elementary

is celebrating

60 YEARS

EST. 1963

Wednesday, March 13, 2024
3:30 - 5:00 pm

Please RSVP no later than March 5th, 2024!



CELEBRATE RAC!

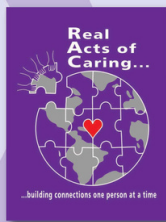
Real Acts Of Caring (RAC)

with a Mental Health & Wellness Focus

February 11 - 17, 2024

It feels good!

Do something caring and kind for another, our environment and yourself!



Promoted by: Students in RAC

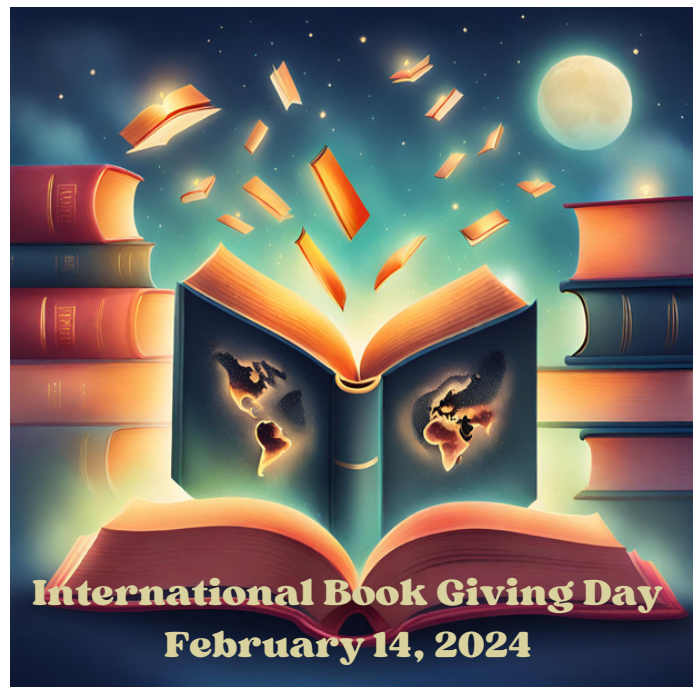
Are you looking for a great way to promote positive leadership in your school community?

Set up a RAC Club! This year, the RAC Steering Committee will be forwarding any RAC donations to front line care workers.

Email us at hchang@sd43.bc.ca to share your high resolution RAC photos and story explaining how you celebrated RAC Week February 11-17, 2024 and we will share what you have done on our RAC website at www.realactsofcaring.org.



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International Book Giving Day
February 14, 2024



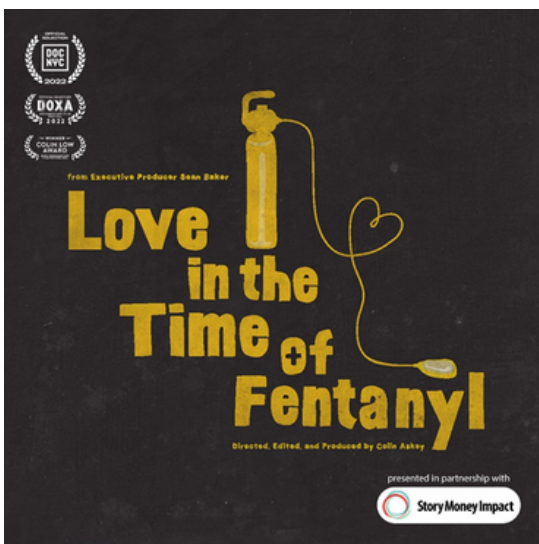
LOVE IN THE TIME OF FENTANYL

Story Money Impact and The Anti-Oppression Educators Collective PSA are presenting a free screening of the film *Love in the Time of Fentanyl* on February 22, 2024 at 6pm. Doors open 5:30pm at Burnaby Central Secondary - Conference Centre.

The film follows members of the Overdose Prevention Society in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, a community run safe use initiative fighting to save lives during this opioid poisoning crisis.

Come watch this insightful moving film about the Downtown Eastside and receive powerful tools with which to talk to your students about the opioid crisis in Canada. After the screening will be a discussion with Sarah Blyth, founder of Overdose Prevention Society.

Ticket Link: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/storymoneyimpact/1076777>



DON'T FORGET PINK SHIRT DAY - FEBRUARY 28, 2024

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.

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Ronak Pahlevanlu, **Acting Lab. Rel. Off.** rpahlevanlu@cta43.org

Meggan Crawford, **2nd Vice-President**, mcrawford@cta43.org

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CTA PD Day, Committees, CTA Lending Library

Corbey Heyes-Jones, Office Clerk - corbeyhj@cta43.org

COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES

CTA Standing Committees

CTA PD Committee

- 1 Secondary, 1 Middle Rep, 1 Elementary Rep,
- 1 TTOC Rep, 1 CASJ Rep, 1 LSA Rep
- 1 Member who identifies as Indigenous
- 1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour

CTA Teachers Teaching on Call Committee

- 7 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)

- 3 Middle Reps, 1 Member-at-Large rep ,
- 2 Elementary Reps, 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 Elementary Rep, 1 Middle Rep

District Student Wellness & Safety - 1 CTA Rep

District Indigenous Ed Advisory - Currently Full

District French Advisory - 1 CTA Rep

District Technology Advisory - 2 CTA Reps

District Accessibility Advisory - Currently Full

District Anti-Racism Committee - Currently Full

District Public Speaking - 2 Elementary Reps, 1 Middle Rep and 1 Secondary Rep

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 (corbeyhj@cta43.org). If you have questions, call the CTA Office at 604-936-9971.

CTA Adult Educators

- 1 High School Completion Rep
- 1 Member who identifies as Indigenous
- 1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour

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, 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](mailto:Ryan.Cho).

New Westminster and District Labour Council

5 CTA reps



LENDING LIBRARY

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

CTA Website Access

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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