



COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION



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2024-2025 ELECTIONS CTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following CTA Executive Committee positions will be filled at the
CTA Year End General Meeting Wednesday, May 8, 2024

- President
- Second Vice President
- First Vice President
- Local Rep to the BCTF (1) who identifies as Black, Indigenous or a person on colour
- Local Rep to the BCTF (1)
- Members - at - Large (6)
- Member-at-Large who identifies as Indigenous (1)
- Member-at-Large who identifies as a person of colour (1)

Those interested in running for any of these positions should go to coquitlamteachers.com for a CV form.
Please submit forms to corbeyhj@cta43.org before 4:30pm on Wednesday, April 24, 2024.



Accepting Applications for Professional Development Chair

Release time for this position is currently 0.4 and the responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- chairing the PD Committee, and the CTA PD Day Committee
- developing, organizing and implementing professional development activities for the CTA Professional Development Day
- processing applications for PD assistance and course fee assistance
- maintaining a liaison between the CTA and the BCTF in matters of Professional Development

The successful candidate will have a sound knowledge of, and be highly committed to, professional development and will be well organized.

Members interested in this position should go to our website for a [curriculum vitae form](#) (Forms & Scholarships), which must be submitted to corbeyhj@cta43.org at the CTA by Monday, April 29, 2024 4:30 p.m.

Interviewing will take place May 2, 2024 after school.

CTA Rep Assembly

**Wednesday, May 1, 2024 - 4:00 PM
Port Coquitlam Legion Ballroom
2675 Shaughnessy Street**

The agenda can be found on our website
<https://www.coquitlamteachers.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/raAamay124.pdf>

You are required to log in to see this information.



President's Message

CTA officers and other members will be attending a Bargaining Collaboration Day this Thursday, before the BCTF Zone Meeting Friday and Saturday. We will be working through many advisory reports from Committees. Then Bargaining Conference Resolutions prior to the May Bargaining Conference. The day will end with a local planning and sharing session. It seems things are happening fast and furious now but, we do have to work with a long lead time here. The contract expires at the end of next year and you can't just start your preparations then. It is critical for our Bargaining, locally and Provincially to have as much planning, consultation, feedback as possible, to ensure good results that meet members' needs.

In Solidarity - Ken



BCTF Pension Seminars

Every Wednesday via Zoom

Starting on April 3, to the end of May, Sarb Lalli will be presenting online pension seminars every Wednesday to help members learn about their pension plan, their pension options, and factors to consider when planning for retirement.

All seminars will take place from 4:30-6:00 p.m. PST. Please include the Zoom link below when communicating this information to your members.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81464426878?pwd=SnBCZjdsU2pkL3pqcVJlaEZrSjVnQT09>

Meeting ID: 814 6442 6878 Passcode: 380638

Members who cannot attend the live online sessions may watch the recorded pension seminars on the BCTF YouTube channel in the Playlists section at their convenience:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/BCTFvids/playlists>

Members are encourage to call Sarb Lalli at the BCTF 604-871-1949 if they have any questions related to the Teachers' Pension Plan, Canada Pension Plan, and/or Old Age Security Benefits.

Negotiations Committee

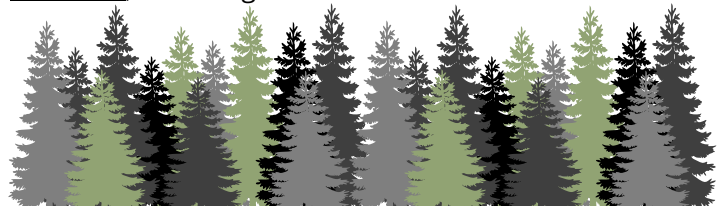
Our Collective Agreement is up for re-negotiation in 2025, and a new Negotiations Committee is required.

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, Lead Negotiator or call 604-936-9971



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.

Please complete this brief Failure to Fill Tracking Form each time prep or service time is lost or recovered.

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

PD Power

Ignite43

Possibility



We will be hosting another inspiring Ignite43 event on May 16th 5:15-8:30 at the Old Mill Boathouse in Port Moody. We are currently looking for about 6 more presenters to join us to share their stories, favourite lessons, and teachable moments around a theme of Possibility. If you've ever thought about presenting and wonder what it would be like, this is the perfect opportunity to try! The audience is always supportive and the mood of the evening is celebratory and relaxed. Presentation length is limited to 5 minutes. Deadline to apply is Sunday, April 28th.

What is an Ignite?

"Ignite" is a PD evening event hosted at a local venue with amazing presenters, lively conversation, and great food. Presenters are given 5 minutes to present their idea, with 20 slides rotating automatically every 15 seconds. The intention is to spark or 'ignite' an idea and allow time to discuss and share ideas between presentations.

What do we mean by "Possibility"?

Consider your practice through this lens: how do you find or inspire possibilities in our learning community? What have you learned on your personal journey through the possibilities in your life? What possibilities have your students amazed you with? If these questions just ignited a spark, please consider sharing it with us at Ignite43!

If you are interested in presenting on May 16, please contact bweir@cta43.org.

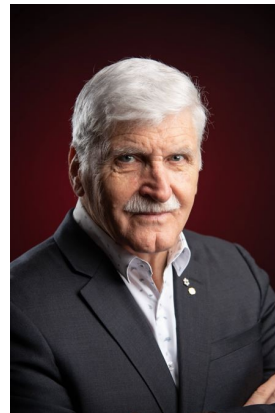
Tickets for those wishing to attend the Ignite will be available shortly - watch your email & and the next CTA Newsletter!



ACE 2024

May 16 & 17, 2024

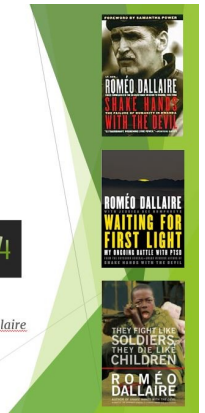
Executive Plaza Hotel Metro Vancouver
8th Annual
Adult Centered Education Conference



Roméo Dallaire
Leadership & Crisis Management Expert, International Champion of Human Rights & Mental Health Advocate



*Lt. General (Retired) Hon. Roméo Dallaire
Senator 2005-2014*



Early Bird Sales end on Apr 2, 2024

Friday keynote— Romeo Daillaire: CA\$149.00

Sales end on May 16, 2024

Registration is now open!!

To register or for more information
<https://aceconference.net/index.html>



We recognize and appreciate the hard work, efforts, and sacrifice of all workers, past and present, who have helped move us forward. Wishing all our colleagues the best on International Workers' Day!



Earth Day Panel

Workers, Extreme Heat, and Community-Driven Resilience

Lessons learned from the 2021 heat dome & strategies to mitigate impacts on vulnerable communities

April 22, 2024 at 12 - 1 PM PDT | RSVP: Link in bio



A link to attend this virtual event will be emailed upon RSVP



Rowan Burge
Provincial Director,
BC Poverty Reduction
Coalition



Byron Cruz
Member of Sanctuary
Health Collective
and active member of
Migrant Rights Network



Cenen Bagon
Member of Vancouver
Committee for
Domestic Workers and
Caregiver Rights



Sartaj Biring
National Representative &
Organizer with UFCW
Canada

THE VANCOUVER & DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL INVITES YOU TO

MAY DAY

COMMUNITY SOCIAL OPEN TO ALL WORKERS
MAY 1ST - INTERNATIONAL WORKERS DAY

Visit <https://vdlc.ca/events/may-day/> or click the image for more information about this event.

FREE EVENT FOR FAMILIES!



*“Screenagers Next Chapter:
Addressing Youth Mental
Health in the Digital Age”*

Thursday, April 18, 2024
Centennial Secondary School Theatre
6:30 pm - 8:15 pm

Community partners will be onsite
to provide resources for families.

Register today at:
sd43.bc.ca/familyseries



Carol Todd
SD43 Coordinator for
Digital Literacy/ Citizenship



Shaunna Martin
SD43 Coordinator for
Well-Being & Positive
Mental Health

**SD43 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY
LEARNING SERIES 2024**

EAGLE MOUNTAIN MIDDLE
**10TH YEAR
ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION**

We are excited to invite **any and all former staff, students, and families** from the EMM community to join us and celebrate this milestone event.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Soft Start - 4:30pm

Presentation - 5:00pm

Honouring of the territories, a band/choir performance, guest speakers and more.

Mix, Mingle & Munch

There will be a BBQ and plenty of food to share afterwards. Stay and socialize!

FORMER EMM STUDENTS

Were you part of the band or choir?

If you would be interested in joining our band/choir performance for this celebration, please email Ms. Sharon Ipe at sipe@sd43.bc.ca.

“Where Are You Now?”

Were you a former EMM student? We want to hear all about where you are and what you are doing now since leaving the school!

We'd love to feature you during our event. Please visit the Microsoft Forms linked in the QR code to give us an update.



MAY
30
2024
**EAGLE MOUNTAIN
MIDDLE SCHOOL**
110 DOGWOOD DRIVE,
ANMORE BC V3H 5G1

PORT MOODY SECONDARY

50th YEAR

Port Moody Secondary welcomes you to join us in celebrating 50 years.

Wednesday, May 29, 2024
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

The CTA BIPOC Educators' Committee is for any Coquitlam teacher who identifies as Black, Indigenous, or a Person of Colour. Find more information about what we do [here](#). BIPOC teachers can join our email list without regularly attending meeting or joining the committee. To join us or ask any questions you might have contact Ryan Cho at bipoceducators@cta43.org

COMMITTEE FOR ACTION ON SOCIAL JUSTICE
CASJ



CASJ is having our next meeting on May 2, 2024 at 4:00. We are currently planning to meet at a café, but haven't yet decided which one - the location will be confirmed in the next newsletter on May 1! We will be talking about summer book club options, setting some goals, and beginning to plan for the 2024-25 school year.

SHARE
FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES
Affordable Housing

Part of SHARE's services include the provision of affordable housing, and in 2023 they acquired 100 units in a brand new tower in Coquitlam. The units are gorgeous, with wonderful amenity spaces in the building, pet-friendly, and steps to the Skytrain. You can check them out here:
<https://sharesociety.ca/55one-rental-units>

They still have a handful of units available at low-end of market rates (i.e. about \$2,600 per month for a two bedroom unit) for households with total incomes under \$130K.

Please email 43housing@sharesociety.ca directly with any questions as the CTA has no part in this process.

TTOCs & New Teachers

TTOC Appreciation week is coming up from May 6-10 and we can't wait to send some extra gratitude to the TTOC community in SD43 in thanks for all you do. We are hosting a **TTOC Appreciation Social** on **Thursday, May 9 at 4:00 pm** at Lafarge Lake (on the east side of the lake, near the community plaza and Rocky Point ice cream) and hope that you will come out to join us for snacks, games, and good conversation. Add it to your calendar now to save the date!! We look forward to seeing you there.

TTOC APPRECIATION SOCIAL
 Lafarge Lake (near Rocky Point Ice Cream & the Community Plaza)
 Thursday, May 9, 2024
 Drop in anytime between 4:00pm and 6:00pm
 ALL TTOCS ARE WELCOME!
 GAMES, SNACKS, & CONVERSATION!

WHO WILL YOU WALK FOR?
JOIN THE MOVEMENT
 ON MAY 26, 2024 @ Lafarge Lake - West Lawn
 Join the Coquitlam Teachers Team at the IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's,
 Join the team at:
<https://tinyurl.com/ctacharitywalk>

OVER 650,000 CANADIANS CURRENTLY LIVE WITH DEMENTIA.
 BY 2050, MORE THAN 1.7 MILLION PEOPLE LIVING IN CANADA COULD BE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA.

IG WEALTH MANAGEMENT
WALK FOR ALZHEIMER'S

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.

Ken Christensen, **President** kchristensen@cta43.org

Bree Weir, **PD Chairperson**, bweir@cta43.org

Diether Malakoff, **1st Vice-President** dmalakoff@cta43.org

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

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

CTA Administration

Kelly Roberts, Executive Director - kroberts@cta43.org

Membership, Website Access, Staff Reps

Kelly Stewart, Office Clerk - kstewart@cta43.org

Accounting/Finance - PD, Scholarships & Newsletter

Heidi Davis, Finance Administrator - hdavis@cta43.org

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 - Currently Full

District Accessibility Advisory - Currently Full

District Anti-Racism Committee - Currently Full

District Public Speaking - 2 Elementary Reps, 1 Middle 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](mailto:Kelly.Stewart)



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International (Call collect):
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