

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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CTA

BUDGETS, ELECTIONS, AND MORE!

CTA AGM 4:00PM

Wednesday October 2 **2024**



Winslow Gym, 1100 Winslow Ave

AGM Agenda

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2, 2024
WINSLOW GYM - 4:00 PM

Acknowledgment

1. Call to Order
2. Elections
3. Financial Reports
4. Receive 2023-2024 Committee Report
5. Leadership Report
6. Bargaining [In-Committee]
7. Prize Draws
8. Adjournment

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

Joint Health and Safety Member Training

District Occupational Health and Safety has scheduled the following in-house training sessions.

Occupational First Aid Level 1 Training

(for designated school first aid attendants needing credentials or with expiring credentials)

Tuesday, October 1 - B103

Wednesday, October 16 - B104

Tuesday, November 12 - B103

Wednesday, November 20 - B104

New Joint Health and Safety Member training

Tuesday, October 15 - B103

Wednesday, October 23 - B104

Tuesday, November 19 - B103

Thursday, November 21 - B103

All sessions will run from 8am to 4pm at the Education Learning Centre - 1080 Winslow Avenue.

Email JHSC@sd43.bc.ca if you are a designated first aid attendant with expiring or in need of credentials, or a new school JHSC member that needs training.



Summer PD Final Deadline

Receipts and Conference Reports for summer PD must be received before **4:30 pm on Tuesday, October 1, 2024**, they can be dropped at the office or emailed to pd@cta43.org

Only PDFs will be accepted NO images, links or forms in the body of email will be accepted.

President's Message

The Theme for World Teachers' Day in 2024 is "Valuing teacher voices: Towards a new social contract for education." This theme resonates with me deeply. Education is a social contract. What we are seeing right now in the province and the country, is people advocating breaching that contract, whether it's anti-SOGI rhetoric, book bans, the euphemistic "parents rights" groups, the eternal threats of underfunding, a global teacher shortage brought on by often miserly compensation and hyper-challenging work. Voices are amplified that are trying, in one way or another, to end the social contract that is public education. We are here because of the values that people have and the value they place on professional instruction for their children. When I attend a welcome to K day, which I do at my partner's school annually, I am reminded of the trust that is in those parents' eyes as they send their child off into public school. That lifts me up and keeps me focused on what really matters here: The social and emotional development of the child, through a curricular lens. What teachers do, every day, is a testament to the social contract and the care we have for the young people in our charge. Happy World Teachers' Day!

In Solidarity - Ken

FLI ATTENDANCE OPPORTUNITY FOR BIPOC TEACHERS

The BCTF Federation Leadership Institute (FLI) will take place this year from November 21–23, 2024.

This three-day event is a training opportunity for local officers.

The schedule includes a mixture of short courses (90-minutes) and longer courses (half-day and whole-day sessions) that will focus on the work of local union leadership in supporting members and upholding the collective agreement. Topics include protecting member rights effectively, benefits, legal issues, communication skills, health and wellness, social justice, mentorship, educational policy, and assisting members with workplace challenges.

The BCTF invites BIPOC members who would not otherwise attend FLI to apply to attend the institute at BCTF expense.

Deadline to apply: Friday October 11, 2024 For more information visit: <https://www.bctf.ca/news-and-opportunities/news-details/2024/09/23/additional-delegates-to-the-federation-leadership-institute>

World Teachers' Day October 5, 2024

Fully staffed schools mean fully supported students:
Invest in our teachers



DISTRICT MIDDLE SCHOOL DESIGN TEAM

The CTA is looking for 4 reps for the District Middle School Design Team. The Ministry of Education has approved the District to move forward with the design of the seismic replacement for Montgomery Middle.

This Design Team will collaborate with the Architect and Facilities Personnel to provide valuable feedback on the design of new middle schools in School District #43. The commitment involves approximately 2-3 meetings per month from 3:30 – 5:30 pm over a period of about 3-4 months during fall 2024 and early 2025. Additionally, there will be documents and drawings to review between meetings. Experience at middle school is ideal.

If you are interested in this Design Team please fill out a CV and submit it to Corbey (corbeyhj@cta43.org) at the CTA Office before 4:00 pm on Thursday, October 10, 2024. Appointments will be made at the October 16, 2024 CTA Executive Committee meeting.



Fall Well Teacher Groups

Being a teacher today is not easy. The demands that educators face inside and outside the classroom make it difficult for many teachers to maintain their physical and mental health.

Challenging classroom dynamics and supporting family and friends leaves educators with little time to focus on their personal well-being.

The Well Teacher Groups provide educators the time and space to work with their colleagues and a trained wellness facilitator to work on their wellness. This new program was developed by Wade Repta, author of the book The Well Teacher, on which the program is based.

GROUP 1

Presenter(s): Lara Williams and Kaleigh Hunter
Dates: Tuesdays, October 15–November 19, 2024
Location: Virtual/online
Time: 4:30–6:30 p.m.



GROUP 2

Presenter(s): Lara Williams and Kaleigh Hunter
Dates: Wednesdays, October 16–November 20, 2024
Location: Virtual/online
Time: 4:30–6:30 p.m.

GROUP 3

Presenter(s): Christy de Bulnes
Dates: Wednesdays, October 16–November 20, 2024
Location: Virtual/online
Time: 4:00–6:00 p.m.



GROUP 4

Presenter(s): Seann Atley and John Kim
Dates: Tuesdays, October 15–November 26, 2024 (no session November 12)
Location: Virtual/online
Time: 4:00–6:00 p.m.

GROUP 5

Presenter(s): Terisha Weber
Dates: Thursdays, October 24–December 5, 2024 (no session October 31)
Location: Virtual/online
Time: 3:00–5:00 p.m.



Register online <https://www.bctf.ca/topics/services-information/wellness/attend-a-well-teacher-group---a-free-wellness-workshop-designed-for-teachers>



Mary Hill Elementary's 60th Anniversary



**October 17, 2024
3:30 to 5:00pm
1890 Humber Crescent
Port Coquitlam, BC V3C 2V7**



We are pleased to invite all former staff, students, and families from the Mary Hill Elementary community to join us and celebrate this milestone event.

Please RSVP via email: maryhill@sd43.bc.ca



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



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September 30

BCTF

PD Power

Friday September 20th 2024

This past District PD Day is usually a site-based day, focused on school start up, goals, plans, and team building. Hopefully, at some point on this day or before, the CTA members of your school have elected a PD Rep. If you have not, it is important to do so as soon as possible. PD Representatives act as PD Committee chairs and are required to sign applications for PD Assistance. Hoping that your first PD Day of the year was collaborative, constructive and productive!

PD Rep Training

This week we were happy to welcome those school PD Representatives at the CTA office to participate in training. Important information and guidelines surrounding PD, reimbursement, and the running of committees were outlined. Any PD Rep wishing more information, or to ask PD related questions, please contact rmcmahon@cta43.org

PSA Day - October 25th, 2024

This year's Provincial Specialist Associations PD Day is fast approaching. A reminder that the yellow forms for PD Assistance must be submitted into the CTA office, with all the necessary program details (fee, date, and location), no later than 4:30pm on October 11th. If you have not already signed up, please check out the [PSA Day website](#) and explore the variety of associations and their conference details. The list of associations can also be found in the newsletter.

**Yellow forms for PSA Day
(October 25, 2024) are due in
to the CTA office no later than
4:30 pm on October 11, 2024.
They cannot be submitted
digitally.**



LEARNING NEVER ENDS

Join the CTA PD Committee to help advocate and shape our year of professional learning! Visit the site below for details and to apply.

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/JOINACTACOMMITTEE](https://tinyurl.com/joinactacommittee)



LENDING LIBRARY

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

Provincial PSA Day

**October 25, 2024
Friday**

Join the Professional Specialist Associations for their Annual Fall Conferences on the October 25, 2024 Pro-D Day. An amazing day (or more!) of Professional Development organized and delivered by teachers, for teachers. There's something for everyone at www.psaday.ca!

Teachers
teaching
teachers

Classroom
resources

Community

Pro-D

Skills
development

SUPPORT

www.psaday.ca

BCTF

Kids Matter
Teachers Care



Validation

Confidence

TTOCs & New Teachers

Looking to connect with more of your CTA TTOC colleagues? Join us at the CTA office (#208 – 2502 St. Johns Street, Port Moody) on October 17, 2024 at 4:00 PM for a Board Game Social. Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. Feel free to bring your favourite game to share or just come and play what we have – either way, it's a great way to have some fun, meet some colleagues, enjoy some snacks, and get to know the CTA! RSVP to Corbey (corbeyhj@cta43.org) by October 11, 2024).

COMMITTEE FOR ACTION ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

CASJ



CASJ is looking forward to having their first meeting in late October after the busy startup in September. If you'd like to come and see what the committee is all about, please connect with Meggan (mccrawford@cta43.org).

Everyone is also welcome to join the CASJ book club – the first discussion will be about Yellow Face by RF Kuang.

More information will be in the next CTA newsletter!



National Centre for
Truth and Reconciliation
UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

Teachers for Truth

Truth & Reconciliation Week 2024
September 23–27

Register at trw-svr.nctr.ca

#TruthandReconciliationWeek



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



Indigenous-led movement taking a stand to end gender-based violence

MOOSE HIDE
CAMPAIGN

CAMPAGNE
MOOSE HIDE

BC Health
Coalition

7 SYSTEM-WIDE
BENEFITS
OF EXPANDING
HOME CARE &
HOME SUPPORT

@BCHEALTHCOALITION

BCHEALTHCOALITION.CA

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Calls to Action

from the Truth & Reconciliation
Commission Report

Read them now at

<https://tinyurl.com/94TRC>

CallstoAction



Get ready for the October 19th provincial election.

Register to vote or update your voter information today.



COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES



**New Westminster
and District
Labour Council**

5 CTA Representatives



School District Advisory Committees

Student Services Advisory - 2 CTA Reps
Student Achievement Advisory - 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

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.



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:

- One (1) Member who identifies as Black
- One (1) Member who identifies as Indigenous

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



Standing Committees

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 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.

CTA PD Committee

- 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

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.

Contact Us:

www.coquitlamteachers.com

CTA Office: 604-936-9971



Please use the links to contact the officer or staff member best able to help you.

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1-800-663-1142

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604-689-1717

HomeWeb.ca

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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CTA PD Day, Committees, CTA Lending Library

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