

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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CTA Executive Committee Vacancies

1 Member who identifies as Indigenous

1 Member at Large

Members interested in running for this position should submit a CV form to Corbey at the CTA Office

General Meeting

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 5, 2024
4 PM, Winslow Gym

The meeting information and agenda can be found on the CTA website/member resources/general info page.

General Meeting

1. Call to Order
 - Adoption of the agenda
 - Adoption of the minutes of the General Meeting held November 6, 2024
2. Elections – 2024-2025 CTA Executive Committee:
 - Member-at-Large – member who identifies as Indigenous
 - Member-at-Large
4. School Concerns
5. Leadership Report
6. CTA Resolutions to the BCTF AGM 2025
7. Local Bargaining [In-Committee]
8. Adjournment

You can win 2 tickets to Educator Night at the Vancouver Canucks game on January 16, 2025!!!

IF YOU SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION FOR PD ASSISTANCE ON THE OCTOBER 25 PSA DAY

CONFERENCE REPORTS AND RECEIPTS ARE DUE

**NOVEMBER 25
BY 4:30 PM**

EMAIL A COPY OF YOUR DOCUMENTS (NOT A LINK) TO PD@CTA43.ORG



DO YOU HAVE A RESOLUTION FOR THE

**BCTF AGM
2025?**



EMAIL YOUR IDEAS TO KROBERTS@CTA43.ORG BY NOVEMBER 25, 2024 TO ENSURE IT GOES TO A CTA GENERAL MEETING FOR APPROVAL



**The CTA Office will
close at 4PM on
Thursday,
November 21, 2024**

President's Message



Stormy Weather

'Tis the season for the latest variations on climate change to start to hit us: power outages, intense rain, possibly snow.

Questions get immediately asked as to when schools get closed,

what is safe, etc. I wish I could offer a simple answer but, it is complicated when an event occurs in a school whatever it is. The decision to close a school rests with the Assistant Superintendents and many factors play into that: the severity of the situation, the prognosis for recovery, the time to alert the parents, the ages of students involved and definitely, etc., etc., etc. There are many local complexities that play into this as well as a good deal of judgement calls. The District just communicated its inclement weather procedure, which describes full or partial school closures in more detail. We are always ready to answer questions and help when these situations occur. Usually, we will reach out to the Assistant Superintendent responsible for that school and see what is being done to make the site safe, what decisions are being made around dismissal and, again, etc., etc., etc. We don't control these decisions but, try, where possible, to influence them by conveying our members' views.

In Solidarity - Ken

Understanding Pensions and Benefits: An Essential Retirement Workshop from BCRTA

The important decisions that will determine your retirement lifestyle should not be made at the last minute as you fill out your forms.

This seminar will prepare you to confidently make choices that are right for you. All teachers age 50+ should plan to attend one of BCRTA's Pre-Retirement online (Zoom) workshops.

The workshops are free.

You get great planning materials along with answers to questions you have about your retirement.

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

The agenda includes: Teachers' Pension Plan, Canada Pension Plan, Old Age Security, and voluntary group benefits. Information about choosing your group benefits (dental, extended health and travel). We show some of the differences between the plans and help equip you to select the plan that best suits your needs.



December 5, 2024 @ 7 p.m.

January 16, 2025 @ 4 p.m.

February 19, 2025 @ 7 p.m.

March 5, 2025 @ 7 p.m.

April 3, 2025 @ 4 p.m.

April 23, 2025 @ 7 p.m.

May 14, 2025 @ 7 p.m.

June 5, 2025 @ 7 p.m.



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

Compassion, Care & Curiosity

As we put together the shape of our day, if you are interested in participating as a presenter, or know someone who might, there is a Cvent application to register - <https://cvent.me/2NP0wk>. Alternatively, you can reach out to rmcmahon@cta43.org with suggestions for presenters or for more information. Keep in mind that the due date is December 2nd. CTA members qualify for a \$30 honoraria per 90-minute session in accordance with CTA policy 9.e.2. The CTA PD Committee will be vetting workshops at our meeting in December.



The CTA New Teacher Induction and Mentoring Social is happening tomorrow afternoon at the Cactus Club at Coquitlam Centre. We are looking forward to seeing many of our TTOC colleagues who have joined the CTA in the last year there! Please remember that you needed to RSVP for this event – if you are now no longer able to attend, please let Kelly know (kstewart@cta43.org). An email was sent to you earlier today with details about the event.



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

**COMMITTEE FOR
ACTION ON
SOCIAL JUSTICE**

CASJ



If you have questions, please connect with Melissa (casj@cta43.org) or Meggan (mcrawford@cta43.org).



16 Ways to end gender-based violence

From November 25 to December 10, the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence are a time to both reflect on violence against women and to take action to end it.

- **November 25** – International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women - **Wear purple for awareness**
- **November 29** – International Women Human Rights Defenders Day
- **December 1** – World AIDS Day
- **December 5** – International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development
- **December 6** – Anniversary of the Montreal Massacre, which is observed as the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women in Canada - **Wear a white ribbon to honour the victims**
- **December 10** – International Human Rights Day and the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights



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**



Peoples' Pantry Donations

The NWDLC Community & Social Action Committee is asking you to consider donating to the **Peoples' Pantry Food Recovery Society** this month.

This organization provides weekly food hampers to seniors, single parents and at-risk youth in the trities. Typically they receive very little in the way of protein or dairy each week and yet, these are the things they are most in need of. Protein can range from canned fish to meat (they can freeze), milk, and non dairy options (for those allergic) are also much needed donations.

Go to <https://thepeoplespantry.ca/> for ways to donate or call 236-867-7377. Thank you as always for your support.

COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES



**New Westminster
and District
Labour Council**

4 CTA Representatives



School District Advisory Committees

Student Services Advisory - 1 CTA Reps

Student Achievement Advisory - Currently Full

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

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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](#).



Standing Committees

CTA Adult Educators

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

6 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

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

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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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