



# Coquitlam Teachers' Association News

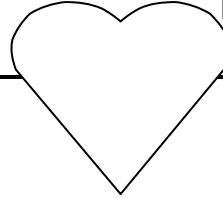
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**Quote of the Week**  
*Happy Valentine's Day!*

## CTA Representative Assembly

Wednesday, February 24, 2010  
Winslow Gallery Room, 4:00 p.m.

## CTA PD Day – February 12<sup>th</sup> 8:30 a.m.

**Location:** Riverside Secondary

**Schedule:**

7:45 – 8:30	Coffee/Snacks/Conversations	10:00 – 11:30	Session A
8:30 – 9:30	Keynote Address – Robert Kelly (Main Gym)	11:30 – 12:00	Snack Break (bag lunch provided)
		12:00 – 13:30	Session B

**Parking:**

**Central Elementary** – A shuttle bus will run from 7:45 – 9:00 a.m. from **Central to Riverside** and 1:30 – 2:15 p.m. from **Riverside to Central**.

As well, there will be limited parking in the north parking lot at Riverside and along Reeve Street close to the school.

**Presenters and Publishers** will park in the lots in front of the school (Reeve Street) and the one closer to Pitt River Road.

**Thank You:**

A huge thank you to the students and staff at Riverside Secondary for their unending support for this day and to the organizing committee: **Ron Haselhan, Joni Blaxland, Bronwen Young, Melody Li, Amanda Long, Arthur Baran, Steve Roos, Ivano Cecchini, Glenda Ottens and Chris King.**

A special thanks to **Pat Adolf, Heidi Davis and Kelly Roberts** whose expertise and patience through our registration process and working with Chris are much appreciated.

Thank you as well to the **School Board, CPVPA and Staff Development** for their support and contributions to make this day a success. It is through our combined efforts that we are able to offer such rich professional development.

Finally, big thanks to all the teachers and outside presenters whose willingness to share their knowledge and skills allows us to build on our understandings and practice to help our students learn.

### NEW for This Spring Only:

#### Leave Application Deadline Changes

Because SD 43's spring break from March 26 to April 5 occurs at a different time than it normally does, the district has made minor adjustments to due dates for leave applications. This will ensure that due dates do not fall during spring break. Thank you to the district for making these helpful changes!

Type of Leave	Application Due Date
Educational leave	Monday, March 15, 2010
All other applicable leaves	Wednesday, April 8, 2010

### Underfunding Woes:

#### Vancouver Teachers Advised of Possible Layoffs

On January 19/10, eight hundred teachers in the Vancouver school district received letters advising them of possible layoffs at the end of this school year. Notices of potential layoff were given to all teachers with seniority levels of approximately five or fewer years of service.

The Vancouver school board is currently forecasting an operating budget shortfall of \$17.5 to \$36.3 million for 2010-11, depending on provincial government funding decisions.

Coquitlam school district has not yet officially announced a shortfall projection for the next school year, although the shortfall may end up being within the \$6 to \$8 million range. Actual layoff notices will be distributed as usual sometime in May (no potential layoff notices will be distributed as has occurred in Vancouver). The number of Coquitlam teachers who will receive layoff notices is unknown by even the board at this time.

## 70 Corner

*Please remember to register for PD Day on February 12, 2010.*

### TOC Committee Meeting

**Date:** Monday, March 15/10  
**Time:** 4:00 p.m.  
**Location:** CTA Office

## ***BCTF Rep Assembly Highlights***

1. **BCTF Fee:** No fee increase is being proposed to the Annual General Meeting in March. The fee as recommended to the BCTF AGM by the Rep Assembly is the same as it is this year: 1.45% of annual salary.
2. **Underfunding Crisis:** The meeting moved motions calling on the provincial government to provide adequate funding for public schools, and approving looking into the feasibility of organizing a provincial rally of all partner groups to protest underfunding.
3. **Donation to Haiti:** The meeting approved a \$10,000 donation to assist children and families in Haiti in dire need as a result of the January earthquake.
4. **BCeSIS:** The meeting carried a motion approving the development of a comprehensive strategy to address the imposition of BCeSIS and district reporting systems.
5. **Election of the 2010 BCTF Executive Committee Members:** A number of people announced their candidacy for the Executive Committee election to be held at the AGM in March:

**President:** Susan Lambert [Burnaby]  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President:** Jim Iker [Burns Lake]  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President:** Glen Hansman [Vancouver Elementary]  
**Members-at-Large:** Rick Guenther [Abbotsford]  
Jerry Horton [Abbotsford]  
David Komljenovic [Kamloops-Thompson]  
Joanna Larson [Prince Rupert]  
Katharin Midzain [Chilliwack]  
Denise Moffat [Surrey]  
Kip Wood [Nanimo]

## ***CTA Meeting Highlights: January Rep Assembly***

1. **President's Report:** Kathleen Thomson thanked schools and individual teachers for their generous contributions to the CTA SHARE Christmas Hamper. Full Day Kindergarten was also discussed.
2. **BCTF Business:** Dorsey's decisions on remedies for class size/composition violations occurring in the 2006-08 years were discussed. As the BCTF left Coquitlam off the 206-08 arbitration list in error (making Coquitlam ineligible for remedies), the following motion was unanimously carried by the meeting:
  - a. That, because the BCTF is entirely responsible for omitting all affected members of the Coquitlam Teachers' Association from the 2006-08 Bill 33 provincial grievance despite the fact that the local provided all relevant consultations forms and information, the CTA Representative Assembly direct the CTA President to seek from the BCTF the same remedies for Coquitlam teachers as Dorsey's award grants teachers from other locals for the 2006-08 school years.
  - b. That the CTA Executive pursue appropriate redress through all avenues possible. FSA issues were covered, including information on the recent provincial protocol regarding providing parents with "approved" pamphlets.
3. **Report on the BC Federation of Labour Convention:** Sandra Daviss (Seaview) and Ken Christensen (Como Lake) gave a short presentation of the recent labour conference they attended as CTA delegates.
4. **District/Local Business:** PD Day, grievances, the district budget and cutbacks were summarized.
5. **Charitable Donation:** The meeting donated \$300 to the Corren Foundation in memory of Peter Corren.
6. **Prize Draw:** Prizes were won by Frank Gabinewicz (wine); Jill Riederer (desk supplies) and Dieter Malakoff (tote bag).

## ***January General Meeting***

1. **In Memoriam—Laureen Doerksen:** In honour of our former Superintendent, colleague and friend who passed away on January 19, 2010, the meeting observed a minute of silence and carried a motion donating \$500 to the Spring 2010 Conquer Cancer Bike Ride. Laureen's daughter Stephanie will participate in this event in memory of her mother.
2. **President's Report:** The unionization of summer school teachers, advice not to participate in Ministry satisfaction surveys, and the BCTF AGM were discussed.
3. **Election:** The following twenty-eight (28) delegates to the March 2010 BCTF AGM were acclaimed, assuring that Coquitlam has a full complement of delegates representing Coquitlam teachers' interests:

Mat Aitken (Hillcrest Middle)	Andy Gilligan (Hillcrest Middle)	Caroline Malm (CTA)
Susan Barnes (Pinetree Sec.)	Sam Hauck (Kwayhquitlam Middle)	Geoff Manson (Port Moody Sec.)
Ken Christensen (Como Lake Middle)	Laura Hodge (Alderson Elem.)	Amanda McGaughey (Gleneagle Sec.)
Sandra Daviss (Seaview Elem.)	Catherine Hodges (Leigh Elem.)	Erlinda Palines (Cedar Dr./CTA)
Sheila Drysdale (Castle Park Elem.)	Chung Yan Ip (Port Moody Sec.)	John Pringle (Pleasantside Elem.)
Julie Eastman (Leigh Elem.)	Kathryn Jung (Gleneagle Sec.)	Susan Ruzic (Moody Elem.)
Barbara Frayne (Bramblewood Elem.)	Amanda Long (TOC)	Elfie Weber (Continuing Ed)
Jason Giles (Centennial Sec.)	Maureen Maier (Centennial Sec.)	Alison Whitmore (Continuing Ed)
Gurjit Gill (Pinetree Way Elem.)	Melanie Mattson (Centennial Sec.)	Kyle Williams (Pleasantside Elem.)

Thank you to all who volunteered their time for this democratic endeavour!

4. **BCTF/College/District/Local Issues:** Brief topics included upcoming school visits on bargaining, College antics, PD Day, and Bill 33 consultation meetings.
5. **Prize Draw:** Prizes were won by Amanda McGaughey (one night's accommodation at the Best Western); Wah Kee Ting (wine); and Amanda Long (coffee mug).

***NEXT CTA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY:***

***WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24/10, 4:00 P.M., WINSLOW GALLERY ROOM***

***SEE YOU THERE!***