



NOVEMBER STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

Update from the Student Trustees:

This past month, the Student Trustees facilitated the Catholic Student Leadership Impact Team's (CSLIT) November board-wide student general assembly. Various speakers were invited to speak about pressing matters within our society. Toronto Public Health representatives attended and delivered an interactive presentation on the topic of the legalization of cannabis and the ethics surrounding the consumption of the substance. This was followed by a motivational speaker that invited students to take control of their happiness and shared strategies about how we can go about to change our mindset to live our lives to the fullest as emerging student leaders.

The Student Trustees also proceeded with the first action of their Student-led Collaborative Inquiry by engaging in a focus group discussion with students from an Urban and Priority High School. The discussion was comprehensive—ranging from student wellbeing to bridging the discrepancy certain secondary students feel towards the decision-making at the board. The Student Trustees are looking forward to continue their focus group discussions.

CSLIT Updates:

Angel Foundation for Learning subcommittee:

The AFL has been hard at work considering that November was imperative in planning February's CSLIT on ice. The AFL Subcommittee has been working efficiently to ensure this event runs smoothly. The subcommittee is currently working on establishing a solid action plan to carry out. CSLIT on ice will be Valentine's Day themed, and will provide networking opportunities for TCDSB student leaders.

Elementary Affairs Working Group:

This month, selected Elementary Students from various Elementary Schools across the TCDSB attended S.M.I.L.E. Camp (Staff Maximizing Inter-Community Leadership Experience Camp) from November 24th to November 27th. At camp, Elementary Student Leaders learned about important topics such as mental health, bullying, and the Indigenous culture. With respect to CSLIT's pillars of focus of Safe Schools and Inclusion and Belonging for the 2018-2019 ECSLIT School Year, the students explored ways to conquer these issues in their daily lives and communities. Students proceeded to design an action plan based on the main problems they find in their day to day life. As they take these action plans back to their schools, students will work to complete the necessary actions to tackle these issues that they face in their school communities.



Moving forward, the Directors are looking forward to inviting Keynote Speaker Luke Stocking will inform the students on refugees, the struggles they face, and how they can contribute to helping these refugees on their journey.

Equity subcommittee:

This past month, the Director of Equity planned a Christmas movie night but due to unfortunate circumstances, the event was cancelled. Students were asked to bring old winter clothes for a charity donation. Although the movie night was cancelled, the clothes that were given will be donated to a community charity. Moving forward, the Equity subcommittee is wishing to establish plans for their biggest event, the Inclusion and Belonging Retreat.

Faith subcommittee:

The Faith Ambassador had the privilege to attend the Elementary School SMILE Camp Excursion, where she led the campers into prayer. The Faith Ambassador also took notes on the operational aspects of SMILE Camp as she wants to engage her subcommittee in the planning of a Faith Camp. With the Faith Camp, the Faith Ambassador and the subcommittee hope to encourage student leaders to lead from the Gospel values.

Public Relations working group:

In the month of November, the Public Relations working group has sustained and increased CSLIT's social media presence via Twitter and Instagram (@CSLIT_TCDSB).

The Public Relations working group is exploring using new media outlets to promote and endorse CSLIT initiatives. Using promotional posters and blog posts, the Public Relations department promoted three notable events in the month of December: the CSLIT Christmas Social, CSLIT's Global Sandwich conference, and the President's Council conference.

Social Affairs subcommittee:

The Social Affairs subcommittee is actively planning CSLIT's annual Christmas Social, an event in which students across the TCDSB will be able to network with like-minded students across the board. All proceeds from the event will go towards the board charity, Angel Foundation for Learning.

Social Justice subcommittee:

The Social Justice has been steadily working to make their conference "Global Sandwich" a reality. The Global Sandwich is a conference where various keynote speakers will provide advice with respect to post-secondary education and,



eventually, making choices later in life. The subcommittee is in the final stage of their event planning—they are encouraging all students especially newcomers and international students to attend.