

## **December Student Trustee Board Report**

### **Update from the Student Trustees:**



- On November 26, the Student Trustees led the November CSLIT General Assembly meeting at Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts. Students from across the TCDSB gathered to become better leaders and learn about exciting new opportunities regarding community involvement. The featured guest speakers, Audrey Ferrer and Celia Ieradi, spoke about environmental stewardship. Greg Rogers from Camp Olympia shared an opportunity for students to get involved as camp counsellors.
- On December 3, the Student Trustees led a CSLIT Executive Council meeting. The main objective of this meeting was to plan for the annual Presidents' Council Annual General Meeting.
- On December 3, Trustee Kathy Nguyen attended the OAPCE 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Commissioning Ceremony.
- On December 13, the Student Trustees will be attending the annual CSLIT Christmas Social. This social is open to all TCDSB students and will allow them to celebrate their leadership, meet new people, and get in the Christmas spirit by giving back to others. The proceeds from the entrance fee and the raffle will be going towards the Angel Foundation for Learning.
- On December 17, the Student Trustees will be acting as emcees for the annual Presidents' Council Annual General Meeting. This conference will provide professional development to student council presidents and members and allow them to network with student councils from other schools.

### **CSLIT:**

#### **Administrative Affairs**

The Director of Administrative Affairs has continued to help coordinate and facilitate the general activity of the CSLIT. This includes tasks such as taking minutes, preparing necessary documents for meetings and general assemblies, and assisting the Student Trustees when needed. For the upcoming Presidents' Council Annual General Meeting, the Director of Administrative Affairs is overseeing expected attendance and general preparation. Alongside other members of the CSLIT Executive, the Director of Administrative Affairs will be running a

workshop regarding the importance of healthy communication between Student Council and their respective school communities.

### Social Affairs

The Director of Social Affairs alongside their subcommittee have commenced planning for CSLIT's annual Christmas Social on Friday, December 13th. The goal of the event, similar to Spooky Fiesta, is to bring Catholic student leaders from schools across the TCDSB together to make unforgettable memories. The Director of Social Affairs has also partnered with the Director of AFL to host a raffle ticket contest during the Social, and all of the money collected in admissions will go to the Angel Foundation for Learning. The Director of Social Affairs has also worked alongside The Directors of Public Relations to advertise for this event.

### Angel Foundation for Learning

The Angel Foundation for Learning subcommittee has met with some of its members and has recently announced that the annual AFL raffle is now open to selling tickets. The draw will be held on December 13th at CSLIT's annual Christmas Social Event. Currently, members of the subcommittee have been serving as student ambassadors, selling raffle tickets at their schools and in their own communities. The raffle is expected to make over \$500 for the Angel Foundation for Learning. With all prizes donated, there aren't any reimbursements to worry about. Continuing with multiple monthly meetings, AFL has received new members and is starting to announce its meetings on social media to increase their presence in the community. Moving forward, AFL's goal is to organize an AFL-run event for Valentine's Day. After deciding not to host "CSLIT on Ice" this year due to revenue problems, the subcommittee hopes to run a successful event in upcoming months. The focus is to increase social media presence and to maintain our number of subcommittee members by hosting meetings on days that are available to everyone and advertising for AFL. High hopes for the rest of the school year.

### Elementary Affairs

The Elementary Catholic Student Leadership Impact Team held their third meeting of the year on December 5 2019. Attendance is at an all-time high. Stephanie Arieras's presentation on spreading love and charity fell in line with December's virtue of the month. It was engaging, interactive, and inspiring. Also

on December 5th, the Directors of Elementary Affairs presented a report regarding ECSLIT's three pillars to the Board of Trustees. Environmental Stewardship, Mental Health and Well Being, and Inclusion, Belonging, and Respecting Differences are ECSLIT's pillars of focus for the 2019-2020 school year.

### Equity

During the past month the equity team has been furthering the planning of the Inclusion and Belonging conference. An action plan has been drafted for the retreat, and will be reviewed at the next equity subcommittee meeting. The equity and social justice subcommittees will be temporarily joining to work on future collaborations. The equity subcommittee was also present in supporting the TCDSB's decision to include 4 new terms in the board's Code of Conduct. The students took independent initiative to support the decision, which will protect people within the board who identify with the terms from discrimination, effectively instilling more equitable practices in our boards policy.

### Faith

The CSLIT Executive Team's Faith Ambassador successfully created the introduction and concluding prayer for the month of November; both for CSLIT and ECSLIT meetings. As well as hosted the Faith subcommittee meeting for the month where the topic of God's love and his plan for us was discussed. In December, the Faith Ambassador plans on collecting donations at the Christmas Social. All proceeds will go to students attending the service trip to the Philippines and will be handed to families in need. Future prayers will be created and meetings will be hosted by this year's Faith Ambassador.

### Public Relations

The last Catholic Student Leadership Impact Team General Assembly of the decade was held on November 26th at Cardinal Carter! The Public Relations Coordinators advertised this meeting before, during, and after on the CSLIT's Instagram and Twitter accounts. Posters were made to inform all the secondary students across the TCDSB of this meeting, live-tweeting occurred during, and a recap video of the GA was released. The blog post highlighting this momentous occasion will be released within two weeks after the general assembly was held. The Public Relations Coordinators will continue to promote all Catholic Student Leadership events through Instagram, Twitter, and blog posts.

## Social Justice

The Director of Social Justice has recently partnered with the Director of Equity to form a joint subcommittee. Future subcommittee meetings have been planned. The Director of Social Justice will discuss with their respective subcommittee to review the success of the previous Newcomer Conference and work on future events, including the Inclusion and Belonging retreat alongside the Director of Equity. As well, the Director of Social Justice has been planning for related CSLIT events, such as the President's Council.

Moving forward, the Director of Social Justice will continue to work alongside other members of Executive Council, the Student Trustees and with their subcommittee. They will plan and execute events with the purpose of promoting values of social justice within the TCDSB and the local community.