

November Student Trustee Board Report

Update from the Student Trustees:



- On October 19th, Student Trustees hosted their monthly Executive Council meeting to discuss the 2020/2021 CSLIT Pillars of Focus and roles each member will have leading respective subcommittees
- From October 22-25th, Student Trustees attended OSTA-AECO's Fall General Assembly Meeting to further develop their skills as Student Trustees as well as host their respective working group breakout sessions
- On October 22nd, Student Trustee Kathy Nguyen gave a testimony speech for future Madonna CSS students during their virtual open house event
- On October 27th, Student Trustees hosted the second CSLIT General Assembly Meeting of the school year and welcomed Trustee Li Preti as the board welcome and guest speakers from the H4 Community to speak about community involvement
- On October 28, Student Trustee Keith Baybayon attended the AFL Board of Directors meeting where he presented a summary of the Equity Fund survey put out by CSLIT in order to find out what needs students have most.
- On November 4th, Student Trustees joined the OSTA-AECO Catholic Board Council Cabinet call
- On November 11th, Student Trustees submitted an article to the Ontario Guidance Counsellors Association Today magazine regarding how students manage during the pandemic.

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Elementary Affairs

The Directors of Elementary Affairs have met all of the expectations from October 16th to November 19th. Both Directors collaboratively worked on organizing and hosting the elementary General Assembly meeting that took place on Thursday, November 1st, 2020. This includes creating slides, online interactive games and activities, booking guest speakers and creating a monthly leadership challenge. The Directors invited guest speaker Luke Stocking from Development and Peace, Trustee Norm Di Pasquale to say a few words of welcome, and Superintendent Michael Caccamo for closing remarks. The Directors of Elementary Affairs also composed the ECSLIT board report outlining the three

elementary pillars of focus. This report will be presented to the board of trustees at a future date and will outline the action plans developed under each pillar.

Administrative Affairs

Since October 6th, the Director of Administrative Affairs has been working closely with the Student Trustees and the CSLIT Executive to ensure all details needed to run our monthly CSLIT General Assemblies were in order. These tasks include confirming guest speakers, creating meeting slideshows, and recording attendance. In addition to this, the Director of Administrative Affairs also assisted with the organization of the monthly ECSLIT General Assembly meetings. The Director of Administrative Affairs also worked alongside the CSLIT Executive to complete our Pillar Action Plans by ensuring all committee members finished their respective reports. Lastly, the Director of Administrative Affairs has been processing payments for Catholic Student Leadership merchandise and will carry on with this until the end of the school year. The Director of Administrative Affairs will continue to assist the Student Trustees on all CSLIT matters.

Social Affairs

The Director of Social Affairs, along with her subcommittee, successfully executed CSLIT's first virtual video game tournament. Close to 400 students participated across the board. The purpose of the event was to allow students from various schools to meet new friends and socialize to restore a sense of normalcy during these unique times. Due to high demand, the Social Affairs subcommittee needed to extend this one-day online tournament into a 2-day event which occurred on October 31st and November 1st. Prior to the gaming event, participants listened to a presentation made by committee members which included upcoming CSLIT dates, ways to get involved in various subcommittees, a virtue of the month speech that focused on gratitude, and an opening prayer which also had gratitude as its theme. Social Affairs is now in the process of planning for the upcoming Christmas Social which will be a collaborative effort with our CSLIT Director of AFL in order to add a charity aspect to our social events.

Social Justice

The Director of Social Justice and her subcommittee have decided to have weekly meetings that will take place each Friday. Their first term project will focus

on assisting BIPOC & low-income families affected by COVID-19. The subcommittee created the idea of selling handmade masks to as a fundraiser for these communities. Their initial goal was to sell a minimum of 60 masks and generate \$300 in fundraising dollars. This initiative was advertised at our October 26, 2020, monthly meeting and in a matter of two weeks, over \$320 dollars was raised having sold a total of 54 masks. Due to this success, the new goal is to make 100 masks so that \$500 can be collected. After this new goal is achieved, the committee has plans to reach out to MPs and potentially the media (through the TCDSB Communications Department) to grow this initiative even further.

Another fundraiser the committee plans on having is selling a variety of gift baskets. Each gift basket would be designated to a separate charity. Participants would be able to choose which charity assigned gift basket they want to put their donation dollars towards.

Public Relations

During the past month, Public Relations has continued to work with both CSLIT and ECSLIT execs to ensure the student body is aware of all the CSLIT and ECSLIT events taking place. Posters and social media campaigns were created to promote: Social Justice's fundraising masks, Equity's zen doodle, Social Affairs' online gaming tournament, the CSLIT October GA meeting, ECSLIT online meeting, and ECSLIT leadership challenge for the month. The Coordinators will continue to announce, post, and live-tweet events to make sure the student body is always updated with the latest CSLIT information.

Equity

From Oct 16th to Nov 19th, the Equity subcommittee has organized their first Zen Doodle Art session that took place on Friday, November 6th. This new biweekly event helps promote the mental health of students who feel isolated from their peers due to the new virtual world we live in. During this online event, students learn a new form of relaxing art, while having the opportunity to meet, discuss, and share with each other. The zen doodle art from is used as an outlet to achieve mindfulness and relaxation.

The Equity subcommittee is in the process of organizing a Catholic Student Black Alliance to give students an opportunity to discuss and plan potential events that focus on equity education. In addition, this newly formed group will allow

students to come together to plan celebrations around Black history month and other cultural events and fundraisers. A new Catholic Student Black Alliance Instagram account was created that will share positive content and cultural resources to educate students and highlight cultural role models and forgotten historical figures.

The Equity Subcommittee is also planning to organize an Asian Core Team. This new team would get together to plan events around Asian Heritage month and find ways to highlight Asian cultural role models so that students are better able to see themselves within topics discussed at school.

Faith Ambassador

The Faith Ambassador fulfilled her duties constructing and delivering monthly CSLIT and ECSLIT opening and closing prayers themed around our board's virtues of the month. The Faith Ambassador has also hosted several subcommittee meetings to create and organize their first monthly *Let's Talk Faith* webinar of the year taking place on Wednesday, November 11th. The Faith Subcommittee is composed of 25 dedicated and passionate student leaders who strive to put our Catholic faith at the forefront of all CSLIT events. The Faith Ambassador will continue to compose and articulate prayers that will be prayed aloud during all online broadcasts.

Angel Foundation for Learning

The AFL Director has been hosting his weekly AFL subcommittee meetings to discuss future fundraisers he and his subcommittee plan to execute. The first meeting took place on October 17th and the goal was for everyone to get to know each other as well as understand the Angel Foundation's vision and goals. During this meeting they also brainstormed ideas for future fundraiser events starting in December centered around Christmas. After several brainstorming sessions the committee came up with a virtual Christmas festival titled "The Twelve Booths of Christmas". The plan is to have the event take place on December 12th, matching the title of the event. The AFL and Social Affairs Directors are planning to collaborate on this initiative. Final details are still being discussed. The goal of this event is to spread more awareness about how the Angel Foundation helps needy TCDSB students and encourages participants to fundraise for this worthy cause.

