

## January Student Trustee Board Report



### Update from the Student Trustees:

- On December 17<sup>th</sup>, Student Trustees hosted the Presidents' Council for all TCDSB Secondary School Student Councils. Over 50 students from 21 schools were in attendance
- On December 18<sup>th</sup> and January 15<sup>th</sup>, Student Trustees attended the OSTA-AECO Working Groups call to present their upcoming plans for their respective groups
- During the winter break, Student Trustees participated in creating videos for the ECSLIT Instagram account
- On January 4<sup>th</sup>, Student Trustees attended the OSTA-AECO Catholic Board Council call to discuss the plans for the 2021 year
- On January 11<sup>th</sup>, Student Trustee Kathy Nguyen participated as a panellist in a recording on anti-racism and future practices for the York U and Osgoode Professional Development the “Intensive Human Rights Program for School Board Leaders”
- On January 15<sup>th</sup>, Student Trustee Kathy Nguyen participated in the York U and Osgoode Professional Development “Intensive Human Rights Program for School Board Leaders”
- On January 15<sup>th</sup>, Student Trustees met with Michael Penafiel from ShareLife to provide insight on the ShareLife School Campaign

### Updates from CSLIT Executives:

#### *Elementary Affairs*

From December 11<sup>th</sup> to January 28<sup>th</sup>, the Directors of Elementary Affairs have kept the ECSLIT Instagram account active. During the Holiday Break, they worked in collaboration with other members of the CSLIT Executive to provide entertaining content. On January 7<sup>th</sup>, the Directors of Elementary Affairs held the first ECSLIT online meeting for the year featuring Emily Lukasik as the guest speaker from Development and Peace. On January 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, the annual iLite event was hosted by the Directors of Elementary Affairs in training over 4000

elementary students through 25+ morning and afternoon workshops, listening to keynote speakers, student talent show and prayer service via Zoom.

### Administrative Affairs

The Director of Administrative Affairs continued to work closely with the Student Trustees and the CSLIT Executive to ensure that the monthly CSLIT General Assemblies can take place, through virtual platforms and has assisted with the organization of the monthly ECSLIT General Assembly for the younger leaders in the TCDSB. In addition, 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. Lastly, the Director of Administrative Affairs has participated in the first Dismantling Anti-Black Racism focus group and will continue to do so. The Director of Administrative Affairs will continue to assist the Student Trustees on all CSLIT matters during this time of COVID-19 physical distancing.

### Social Affairs

Social Affairs is excited to step into the new year and plan more exciting and insightful events for the upcoming year. The committee is already in the process of planning a potential event in February. The Director of Social Affairs is also in the process of holding interviews to appoint executive positions within her subcommittee to allow the members to practice their collaborative and leadership skills. Social Affairs is also in the process of conceptualizing innovative ways to host the annual CSLIT BBQ and Gala that follow Covid guidelines.

### Social Justice

The Director of Social Justice spent the month of December working on finalizing the end of the Mask Initiative project that has fundraised nearly \$3000. The Director of Social Justice also had an interview on the radio about the initiative with CBC as well as an article on CBC Kids dedicated to the project. The Director of Social Justice along with the subcommittee was looking into different projects in the areas of youth engagement in politics and Indigenous rights.

## Public Relations

In the month of December, the Public Relations team has continued their partnership with the Student Trustees, CSLIT Elementary, and the numerous diverse subcommittees of CSLIT to advertise upcoming events, such as the Presidents' Council. For this particular event, the Public Relations Team aided by publishing the nuances of the event on social media, as well as assisting students who may have any questions or inquiries regarding the aforementioned event. Furthermore, the Public Relations Team has continued its ongoing duty to create posters and advertising material that is colourful, vibrant, and most importantly, appealing. The Public Relations Team ensures that the previously stated characteristics are present in every poster that they make, in order to grasp the attention of students across the board, further helping perpetuate the importance of Catholic Student Leadership in our community.

## Equity

Between the months of December to January, the Equity subcommittee has been planning a webinar for students who are new to the country. The webinar will consist of different discussions surrounding advice, opportunities as a student, and resources to different youth groups and supports. The subcommittee held their 4th Zen-doodle where students got the opportunity to learn a new art form and discuss different tips, and tricks to help with productivity in school. The Catholic Youth Black Alliance officially completed the preparations for their new clothing line and will be releasing it the first week of February for Black History Month. All proceeds from the clothing line will be going back to Nigeria to donate to EndSars. The Asian Core Team is in the process of planning its first Asian awareness webinar. The webinar will consist of different discussions surrounding racism throughout the pandemic, culture appropriation vs. appreciation, and Asian representation with the LGBTQ+. The Equity Director helped pilot the first Black student focus gathering 12 students from different schools to partake. She participated in several debrief meetings with the Equity committee led by Superintendent Derek Chen to provide feedback as they plan to conduct several focus groups across each superintendency come February.

## *Faith*

The Faith Ambassador has constructed monthly prayers for CSLIT GAs, E-CSLIT GAs, and monthly Let's Talk Faith spiritual nourishment webinars. The Faith Ambassador hosted their second Let's Talk Faith webinar on Faith and Science, with a guest speaker/scientist from Cornell University. The Faith Ambassador is planning to work with her subcommittee to host another Let's Talk Faith spiritual nourishment webinar in February, themed on Teens and our Faith.

## *Angel Foundation for Learning*

During December, the Director of the Angel Foundation for Learning conducted the Christmas event along with the Director of Social Affairs raising over \$200 in sales and providing fun and engagement to TCDSB Secondary students during these difficult times of the pandemic. The Director, along with his subcommittee, will continue to plan events and fundraisers for the future throughout the duration of the pandemic which will abide by health and safety codes provided by the government of Ontario and Toronto. A Valentine's Day oriented fundraiser will potentially be organized next. Meanwhile, the Director and the subcommittee will continue to develop further ideas in order to fully develop this plan and further ones.