

May Student Trustee Board Report

Update from the Student Trustees:



- On Tuesday, April 27th, the Student Trustee candidates for the 2021-2023 term presented their speeches, answered common questions, and votes from the General Assembly were cast
- On Wednesday, April 28th, the Student Trustee Elect was announced
- From Wednesday, April 28-30, Secondary school SMILE Camp, which stands for *Students and Staff Maximizing Inter-Community Leadership Experience* was hosted. This camp focuses on celebrating our diversity and building community. There were 86 students and a total of 22 schools represented.
- On May 3rd, Student Trustees met with OSTA-AECO's Catholic Board Council to rehearse for the Ontario Catholic Student Youth Day online forum
- On May 4th, Student Trustees met with Superintendent Derek Chen, Marla Endler from the Research Dept. and Rabeca Mengesha, the CSLIT Director of Equity to discuss promotions for Student Census'
- On May 5th, Student Trustees attended and assisted in the facilitation of the Ontario Catholic Student Youth Day online forum
- On May 11th, Student Trustee Baybayon attended a Human Rights Seminar in partnership with the Osgoode and the Ministry of Education.
- On May 11th and 12th, Student Trustees emceed the TCDSB Anti-Racism Conference

CSLIT:

Elementary Affairs

On Thursday, May 6th, 2021 Elisa Acerbi and Junette Tindan hosted the virtual monthly general assembly. The meeting focused on bridging the gap between ECSLIT and CSLIT so that elementary students may continue their leadership journey throughout high school. As always, Mr. Michael Caccamo shared words of wisdom as our board welcome at the beginning of the meeting. Student leaders from the CSLIT executive council were invited to participate in a panel discussing about getting involved with leadership. On top of this, the meeting included fun games and discussions to interact with the leaders watching the livestream.

Administrative Affairs

Makeda Muluneh, 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. Additionally, Makeda aided the Student Trustees in carrying out the Student Trustee Elections for the following school year. Makeda has also worked to assist the Faith Ambassador in ensuring that the monthly Let's Talk Faith assemblies can take place. Makeda will continue to assist the Student Trustees on all CSLIT matters during this time of COVID-19 physical distancing.

Social Affairs

Audri Supsup, the Director of Social Affairs has been successfully collaborating with Julia, our Faith Ambassador to organize this year's virtual Faith Camp. In addition, Audri has been working diligently with her subcommittee to plan for a virtual CSLIT Gala. Student leaders from all TCDSB High School students will have the opportunity to play various games, meet new people, and end the year off on a high note. All profits will be donated to a charity to be named later.

Social Justice

Shania Muthu, the Director of Social Justice, has worked with her subcommittee in order to film, and release the second part of the documentary series. Shania and her subcommittee plan to complete this student made documentary by the end of the year.

Public Relations

For the month of April, The CSLIT Public Relations Team has continued their ongoing partnership with other units of the CSLIT Executive Team, which includes the likes of the Student Trustees, the Directors of Elementary Affairs, and other CSLIT Executive members. The Public Relations team have made posters for CSLIT-sanctioned events to help advertise and promote other CSLIT initiatives, such as the collection of information by Student Trustees in regards to the LGBTQ2S+ motion. Furthermore, the CSLIT Public Relations Team has been assisting various departments and committees at the board, including helping design the new illustrations for the 2021-2024 Pastoral Plan, and videos for Asian Heritage Month.

Equity

Rabeca Mengesha, our Director of Equity, has been working on multiple initiatives. Rabeca helped coordinate all volunteers for both the elementary and secondary Anti-racism conferences held on May 11 and 12. Rabeca was also the student keynote speaker at this event. Rabeca, through Focus on Youth, has also created a weekly panel discussion called “The Focus” where students are able to ask questions to local leaders such as doctors, athletes, police officers, university students, and teachers. Rabeca’s equity committee also hosted a financial literacy webinar on April 30th to teach students about taxes, saving and investing.

Faith

Julia Rodriguez, our Faith Ambassador has constructed monthly prayers for CSLIT GAs, E-CSLIT GAs, and monthly Let’s Talk Faith spiritual nourishment webinars. Julia hosted a special edition of Let's Talk Faith during Catholic Education week, which featured a powerful panel of guest speakers that were able to deliver testimonies on their faith. The event also included games, fun faith dialogue, and prizes. Julia is planning to work with their subcommittee to host another Let’s Talk Faith spiritual nourishment webinar in May, which will feature a teacher chaplain from the TCDSB. The Faith Subcommittee is also planning to host a virtual alternative to a Faith Camp Retreat on May 20, which will be open to TCDSB students who have registered for this live one-day virtual event.

Angel Foundation for Learning

Marcos Fonseca, the AFL Director, along with his sub-committee, has finalized the rest of the Easter basket event; totalling all the money made, and sending over 1000\$ to the Angel Foundation. The AFL sub-committee is starting plans for their next fundraiser which will take place around June, and it will be in support of small businesses as well as the AFL. We will continue to work on this fundraiser and more information will be available in the future.