

## **June Student Trustee Board Report**

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



- On May 13th, Kathy Nguyen joined TCDSB's Focus On Youth's "The Focus" to talk about social media
- On May 21st, Student Trustee Elect, Stephanie De Castro and Kathy Nguyen attended Madonna CSS's Asian Heritage Month Celebration to speak about the importance of AHM, representation, and allyship.
- From May 27th to 30th Kathy Nguyen and Keith Baybayon attended OSTA-AECO's Annual General Meeting alongside new Student Trustee Elect
- On May 31st, Student Trustees met with the District School Board Ontario North East student senate to share best practices
- On June 1st, Keith Baybayon attended the Pride Flag raising at the Catholic Education Center in celebration of the first day of Pride Month.
- Stephanie De Castro has been elected as the Public Affairs Coordinator and Keith Baybayon has been elected as the President for OSTA-AECO, the largest student-stakeholder of Ontario representing the 2 million students of Ontario.

### **CSLIT:**

#### **Elementary Affairs**

On Thursday, June 3rd, 2021, Elisa Acerbi and Junette Tindan hosted their final virtual monthly general assembly in celebration of Indigenous Heritage month and Pride month. Superintendent Derek Chen provided the board welcome and said a few words regarding the importance of this month. Student leaders learned more about the history of the Indigenous peoples in Canada and the 2slgbtq+ community. Michael Caccamo provided his monthly closing remarks. On Thursday, June 10th, a SMILE Camp reunion will be held with students who attended the 3-day virtual camp in March. This year the Directors of Elementary Affairs have hosted monthly meetings, organized events and aimed to help young student leaders reach their full potential using the ECSLIT pillars of focus. They would like to thank the Board of Trustees, the Senior Staff, and all of those who were able to make these achievements possible for the 2020-2021 school year. Special thanks to those who took the time to be one of our guest speakers.

#### **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. In the coming weeks, Makeda will assist in the assembly of the next year's CSLIT Executive Council and assist the Faith Ambassador in ensuring that the last Let's Talk Faith webinar is a success. Makeda also sends out a big message of gratitude to the board of trustees and senior staff for all of the amazing work and effort they have put into this school year, with a special shoutout to Trustee DiPasquale and Superintendent Michael Caccamo for always supporting and making time for us. Makeda will continue to assist the Student Trustees until the end of her term.

### Social Affairs

To finish off the year strong, the Social Affairs director Audri Supsup and her subcommittee have planned to host the annual CSLIT Gala on a virtual platform. Through this platform, students are able to compete in various games, win prizes, and participate in several activities, while being able to meet new students around the TCDSB. The cost of the Gala is free, however donations are being accepted and all proceeds will be given to TeamTrees.org where every \$1 plants 1 tree.

### Social Justice

The Director of Social Justice and subcommittee have decided on their final project for the year, pertaining to indigenous rights. The project's premise includes reaching out to MP'S and MPP'S urging them to work together to form a bill to address the water shortage crisis in the northern parts of Ontario. Our Director of Social Justice also leads our Indigenous pillar, and this initiative helps support that pillar. Although the land acknowledgement is read at each monthly CSLIT meeting, this month the importance of the land acknowledgment was highlighted in celebration of Indigenous heritage month.

### Public Relations

During the month of May, PR has continued working hand in hand with all the other Executive Team members on CSLIT. With May being a packed month for CSLIT, we have been able to make posters and advertisements for both CSLIT and non-CSLIT related events. Additionally, with the passing of the 2SLGBTQ+ motion in raising the pride flag at all TCDSB schools, PR created a video wishing everyone a happy pride month that was featured in our boards June 1<sup>st</sup> pride launch.

The PR coordinators, Abi, Makayla, and Stephen would like to thank the board of trustees and TCDSB staff for all the work they've put in during these unique times.

### Equity

Between the months of May to June, the Equity subcommittee has begun planning their end-of-the-year event that will consist of mental health discussions combined with their last Zen-Doodle. The Catholic Youth Black Alliance has begun planning out their upcoming “Culture Shock” event which will be held on June 18th. This will be an event for students to come together and celebrate all cultures. This will be an opportunity for students to go beyond discussions based on discrimination and racism, but rather focus on the amazing things that make their culture special and unique. Students will come dressed in traditional clothing and participate in culturally educational games that highlight different traditions celebrated within different cultures.

The Catholic Youth Black Alliance will also be coming out with their next merchandise item which is their graffiti tops. The shirts will be sold to continue the fundraising for Nigeria SARS.

The Asian Core Team has completed their art competition. The selected entry will be made in to buttons and stickers and sold throughout Asian Heritage Month to fundraise for an Asian solidarity fund.

### Faith

Julia Rodrigues, our Faith Ambassador 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. Julia also hosted the annual Faith Camp, which comprised of various students from all over the TCDSB, as well as religion department heads and staff members from the NCC. Julia is planning on hosting the last event of the year, Let's Talk Faith on June 16, which will focus on interfaith commonalities in collaboration with IYAM.

### Angel Foundation for Learning

Marcos Fonseca and his sub-committee have been working on their upcoming event for the end of June. This event will be virtual market with small business owners being able to sell their products online. We have been working on the website and contacting businesses that want to collaborate. This will be the last fundraiser of this year, and we are hoping that through this fundraiser we are also helping out small businesses along with TCDSB students through the Angel Foundation.