

October Student Trustee Board Report

Update from the Student Trustees:



- On September 27, Keith Baybayon met with the CEO of EQAO, Dan Koenig to discuss the modernization of the standardized assessments and the benefits it will have on students. Keith hopes that these new proposals will help alleviate student stress and better prepare students for the provincial testing.
- On October 8, Keith joined Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, the President of Shoppers Drugmart Jeff Leger, MPP Robin Martin and MPP Jane McKenna for the recent announcement regarding free menstrual products. Menstrual products will now be made available to all Ontario students because of the partnership between Shoppers and the Ministry of Education. Keith was invited to share his remarks on the announcement.
- On October 16, Keith and Stephanie attended their October Executive Council Meeting with OSTA-AECO virtually. We are currently planning for our upcoming Fall General Meeting, and also catching up with the projects we have planned.
- On October 21, Keith facilitated an event called When Faith Meets Pedagogy Youth Forum, a province-wide Catholic Student Leadership Conference with schools across Ontario. The event included empowering guest speakers, student leadership training and collaboration among students across the province. The event had over 1500 participants.

CSLIT Executive Council

Administrative Affairs

Junette Tindan, the Director of Administrative Affairs, worked closely with the student trustees, the CSLIT executive council and Michael Consul in the months of September and October. She is responsible for creating slides and visuals for our virtual meetings as well as organizing all the logistics behind the event. Junette also records meeting minutes, sent emails promoting events, and connected with prize winners from our virtual assemblies. Junette also helps coordinate meeting

dates with Michael Consur, our teacher moderator, and the CSLIT Executive. This includes our monthly planning meetings, upcoming parent meeting, and various subcommittee meetings.

She will continue to assist Keith Baybayon and Stephanie DeCastro in making next month's virtual assembly a success and keeping executive members up to date with current events and responsibilities. Junette Tindan is looking forward to fulfilling the Indigenous Education pillar of focus for this year and gives a special thank you to the Board of Trustees for their continuous support for Catholic Student Leadership.

Elementary Affairs

On October 7th, 2021, Mara Balmaceda and Audri Supsup hosted their first virtual ECSLIT general assembly meeting. 57 different elementary schools participate including some other members of our CSLIT executive. Mara and Audri conducted a panel discussion with our CSLIT Executive giving advice to our young elementary leaders on how to be successful in school and balancing extracurriculars with academics. Superintendent Michael Caccamo gave some words of praise, welcome, and encouragement in his board welcome. Dr. Brendan Browne also provided some advice on leadership and the power of student voice as part of his closing remarks. During the meeting, elementary students were able to vote on the ECSLIT Pillars of Focus which Audri and Mara will be using as the foundation for their elementary action plans. Audri and Mara are excited to continue hosting monthly elementary general assemblies and are working on the next ECSLIT meeting taking place on November 4th, 2021. Please encourage your elementary schools to participate.

Social Affairs

The Social Affairs Subcommittee began accepting members for the 2021-2022 school year after the first CSLIT general assembly on September 28th. This subcommittee had their introductory meeting on October 12th and 14th to accommodate as many student leaders as possible. The Director of Social Affairs, Serenity Bui, welcomed new and old student leaders to the subcommittee and after introductory exercises and icebreakers were done, the subcommittee brainstormed

ideas for the upcoming school year, the first being CSLIT's Halloween Social. Details for this event are still being finalized.

Social Justice

On September 28, the Social Justice Subcommittee began recruiting members for the 2021-2022 school year. Their first meeting was held on October 14th where the Director of Social Justice, Rushan Jeyakumar welcomed students to CSLIT and gave a presentation with relevant information about the goals of the subcommittee. The subcommittee also began preparations for the TCDSB's Newcomer Student Leadership Conference which is being held on October 28th. Members of the subcommittee will be filming welcome videos for newcomer students about how to get involved and how to be successful in school. The subcommittee is brainstorming ideas for an upcoming initiative planned for November 2021.

Equity

On September 30th, the equity subcommittee led by Adekunbi Luwaji, had the first introductory meeting in which the members had a chance to introduce themselves, discuss what they thought their most important goals should be, and brainstorm potential initiatives for the upcoming school year. A second meeting was held on the 4th of October, to further discuss the details surrounding the ideas laid forth in their previous meeting. Among the many topics put on the table, Mental Health was the topic that most students wanted to focus on for their first initiative. No details have been finalized yet, but the subcommittee is in the process of creating initiatives that will support mental well-being. On

On the 9th of October, both Directors of Equity and Social Justice met with Michael Consul to discuss their roles within the upcoming Newcomer Conference taking place on October 28th. Roles include creating a welcome video, recruiting volunteers, and emceeing the event.

Faith

The Director of Faith, Roy Bou Abboud, prepared and facilitated opening and closing prayers for the CSLIT GA and the ECSLIT GA meetings in October as well as all other CSLIT planning meetings. Roy also hosted the first Let's Talk

Faith Monthly webinar of the year on Wednesday, October 20th, 2021. The Faith Subcommittee meeting was held on October 12th, 2021. The students discussed the goals for the year and brainstormed ideas for different initiatives for 2021-2022. Three specific goals came out of their discussions: Getting more students take part in Let's Talk Faith monthly webinars, organizing a three day faith camp in the spring, and increasing community outreach to give students the opportunity to put their faith into action.

Charity

Run by Nicole Boye and Julissa Perez, the charity subcommittee is excited to begin their 2021-2020 initiatives. With close to 50 members from across Toronto, Nicole and Julissa met with their team on Wednesday, October 6th to start planning a road map for this year. On October 14th, the subcommittee will be hosting an introduction meeting with representatives from Sharelife, Development and Peace, and Meagan's Walk. At this meeting, all 3 charities presented their organizations goals and programs. Subcommittee members then brainstormed ways students can better support each charity and get more TCDSB involved. The Faith Subcommittee also decided to create its own Instagram page for greater student outreach and awareness. They are all excited about the impact they can create supporting various Catholic charities including our board's Angel Foundation for Learning.

Public Relations

For the month of September, the new CSLIT Public Relations Team has been hard at work promoting Catholic Student Leadership, making sure that information about each event reaches as many students as possible. With a new advertising and marketing strategy, the Public Relations Team's goal is to have a strong contingent from every TCDSB high school represented at every CSLIT event. The PR Team will also be supporting our Directors of Elementary Affairs by helping promote their initiatives.