

## November Student Trustee Board Report

### Update from the Student Trustees:



- Keith and Stephanie held CSLIT's October General Assembly Meeting on October 26th, where close to 200 students joined virtually to participate in the insightful discussion, fun interactive activities and leadership lessons.
- Keith and Stephanie attended OSTA-AECO's Fall General Meeting where they got to meet student trustees across Ontario and partake in professional development.
- Keith attended a meeting with Development and Peace to talk about possible collaborations with CSLIT and OSTA-AECO.
- Keith attended a meeting with Youth Assisting Youth to learn about the different opportunities that can benefit the students of TCDSB. We hope to collaborate and find ways we can bring this info to the CSLIT General Assembly.
- Stephanie was live on Good Morning Hamilton and discussed modified semesters and student well-being during the pandemic.
- Keith attended a meeting with Karen Ens, a Health and Physical Education Resource Teacher that is working with the TCDSB Environmental Support Services Department to discuss the Menstrual Products Program. We want to make sure the implementation of this rollout is successful so we are in the process of collecting student voice, ensuring that the schools and students that need it most are best served.
- Keith attended a meeting with the EQAO Advisory Committee. He is working with the Advisory Committee and CEO to communicate the organization's resources in preparing students for their assessments.
- Stephanie was appointed as one of two OSTA-AECO representatives on the Ministry's French as a Second Language Working group where she will be able to provide input to the ministry on FSL programs and how to strengthen FSL in Ontario.

## **CSLIT Executive Council**

### Elementary Affairs

This month, the Directors of Elementary Affairs presented their ECSLIT Pillars of Focus action plans for 2021-2022 to the board. In addition, Audri and Mara hosted their second virtual ECSLIT General Assembly. At this meeting, Gina Iuliano-Marrello introduced the importance of the *My School My Voice* survey and over 200 elementary students were given the chance to complete the survey. To fulfill 3 action plan items, each monthly ECSLIT meeting now has 3 new segments: 7 Grandfather Teachings, Cultural Superhero highlight, and the Mental Health Toolbox. Mara and Audri are excited to continue hosting ECSLIT General Assemblies virtually until restrictions allow for in-person meetings.

### Social Affairs

The Halloween Social has passed and the students part of the Social Affairs Subcommittee had a blast. Moving onto this upcoming holiday season, the Social Affairs Subcommittee is preparing a virtual Christmas Social which is traditionally one of the biggest events of the year. This year the event will be titled “The Social Before Christmas” which will feature a visit from St. Nicholas. This event will be a fundraiser to assist needy TCDSB families during the holiday season.

### Social Justice

For the month of November, the Social Justice Subcommittee has been meeting weekly and has begun planning their first big project for the 2021-2022 school year. The subcommittee has decided to collect scrap metal from schools across the TCDSB to raise funds to allocate towards selected charities. Details of this project are still being finalized. This project promotes sustainability and recycling and centres on the intersection between social justice and environmental justice. Rushan, the Director of Social Justice was also part of the Newcomer Day panel that was broadcasted live in the morning and afternoon to the system.

### Equity

The Equity subcommittee, led by the Director of Equity, Adekunbi Luwaji, started the planning process for their first initiative of the school year and has been hosting

various subcommittee meetings throughout the month. On November 24th, the team will be hosting an online after-school event focusing on using art as an outlet for mental well-being. Planning is still in progress as the subcommittee continues to develop the details of the event which will be shared with our board's mental health leads. In addition, Adekunbi will be part of Father Henry Carr's *Equity Champions Day* on Wednesday, November 17th where she will be sharing a student perspective on the importance of equity and diversity.

### Faith

The Director of Faith, Roy Bou Abboud, prepared and facilitated opening and closing prayers for our monthly CSLIT and ECSLIT online meetings including our monthly webinar Let's Talk Faith. Roy hosted the second Let's Talk Faith Monthly webinar of the year on Wednesday, November 17th, 2021 with the help of the Faith Subcommittee. The Faith Subcommittee has been meeting on a weekly basis, reflecting on the previous Let's Talk Faith webinar and collecting insight on how to continuously improve the level of engagement within their monthly webinars as well as ways to increase the number of attendees. The Faith Subcommittee is also organizing volunteer opportunities for students to put their faith into action. This will include some sort of outreach to those less fortunate during the Christmas season.

### Charity

This upcoming winter is an exciting one for our Charity Subcommittee. With our Instagram page set up, and many initiatives on the way, Nicole and Julissa are working with multiple students across the board to give back to their communities. We have launched our first Instagram campaign called Sunday Spotlight, where each Sunday, we post informational content about the organizations we work with to raise awareness and foster inspiration. We have also started our first initiative in partnership with Sharelife. It's a poster competition with the goal of informing students about the great work of Sharelife and how to get involved. The winning poster will be announced at the CSLIT Christmas social. In addition, Nicole and Julissa also had a meeting with Emmy Szekeres Milne from the Angel Foundation For Learning where we brainstormed ways students can better support AFL initiatives. CSLIT and ECSLIT will be helping promote the sale of AFL masks and Christmas cards. In addition, members of the Charity subcommittee will be making

presentations to their respective school staff about the AFL cents off the program. Lastly, Nicole will be meeting with Development and Peace to discuss ways her school's chaplaincy team can get more involved with D&Ps 2022 campaigns.

### Public Relations

For October, the Public Relations Team has continued their duties in making sure that the student community is aware of CSLIT's upcoming events. This has been done through working hand-in-hand with the Student Trustees, Directors of Elementary Affairs, and other CSLIT Executive members. The Public Relations Team has advertised events such as our October CSLIT General Assembly, November ECSLIT General Assembly, and Events organized by other Executive members, such as the Halloween Social. We are working hard to exponentially grow the audience of CSLIT by working in our assigned areas, ensuring that CSLIT continues to see growth throughout the year.

### Administrative Affairs

In the month of October, Junette the Director of Administrative Affairs has worked closely with the student trustees and members of the CSLIT executive council. Junette has assisted with creating the online monthly CSLIT general assembly meeting by making the slides, organizing the agenda, collecting attendance and analyzing participation data. She is also responsible for contacting prize winners for each CSLIT meeting, ECSLIT meeting, and Let's talk Faith webinar.