

December Student Trustee Board Report

Update from the Student Trustees:



- Keith planned a roundtable discussion with Karen Ens, a Health and Physical Education Teacher, and our CSLIT Executives to discuss the rollout for menstrual products regarding the Ministry of Education's menstrual equity program.
- Keith and Stephanie were panellists for the Board's Multi-year strategic plan zoom consultations where they present an overview of the MYSP and invited students to give their input
- Stephanie attended a meeting with the Indigenous Advisory Committee to discuss the Indigenous studies course and how it can be further developed and enhanced in our school communities.
- Keith and Stephanie attended the OSTA-AECO Executive Council Weekend. It was a good opportunity to set some provincial goals and get to know other OSTA Exec members.
- Stephanie attended the monthly Angel Foundation for Learning Board of Directors meeting alongside CSLIT's Director's of Charity to listen to the amazing initiatives AFL is offering and help brainstorm ways CSLIT can get more students' involvement.
- Keith and Stephanie hosted the final CSLIT General Assembly Meeting of the calendar year, making the event Christmas-themed! We played some very engaging virtual activities and gave our prizes to our winners. We had Norm Di Pasquale as our board welcome. We also took out time to have members of CSLIT fill out the MYSP survey after giving a brief overview of the 4 phase plan. Gina Iuliana and Michael Caccamo were also guests who addressed the general assembly.

CSLIT Executive Council

Elementary Affairs

The Directors of Elementary Affairs Audri and Mara successfully hosted their third ECSLIT virtual general assembly. The theme for December was Generosity. Audri

and Mara were thrilled to invite the amazing guest speaker, Tanika Riley, to speak about this theme and relate it to faith in action. In addition —as per their pillar action plans — the directors ensured to incorporate one of the seven grandfather teachings, cultural superhero highlights, and mental health toolbox. As always, the directors are thankful for the continuous support from the board and for making themselves available for opening and closing remarks. Mara and Audri are continuing to plan for future ECSLIT meetings, and hope to be able to host them live at the CEC at some point in 2022. Audri and Mara are also excited to launch a Christmas-themed social media project on the ECSLIT Instagram account prior to Christmas to get the students excited about the Christmas season, as well as increase interaction between the two directors and the students between meetings.

Social Affairs

Director of Social Affairs, Serenity Bui, was excited to announce the upcoming Christmas Social entitled *The Social Before Christmas* which is happening on December 20th. The event will be happening online as a way for students to celebrate Christmas CSLIT style before the official Christmas break. The Social Affairs subcommittee has been working hard on advertising and promoting the event. There will be a small participation fee that will be donated to a mental health organization to be determined. This ties into CSLIT's Mental Health Pillar that was chosen by students at the beginning of the school year.

Social Justice

The Social Justice Subcommittee has decided to collect scrap metal from schools across the TCDSB to raise funds to allocate towards the community. By contacting individual schools in the TCDSB, they plan to establish boxes where students and staff can dispose of scrap metal, like aluminum pop cans. The scrap metals would then be collected and the funds raised would be used towards grocery store gift cards. These gift cards would be donated back to the school to give to needy students. This project promotes sustainability and recycling, and centres on the intersection between social justice and environmental justice.

Equity

The Equity subcommittee, led by Adekunbi Luwaji, held their first online event *Mixed Arts Night* on December 1st. During this event, students were taught a new form of art. While completing their art, students had the opportunity to share why art is a great outlet to relax and de-stress as well as share other activities they enjoy that also allows them to get their minds off things and disconnect. Adekunbi also played a leadership role in the Equity Career Fair that took place on Wednesday, November 24th, alongside the directors of Charity and Social Justice; Julissa P., Nicole B., and Rushan J. Guidance teacher Gina Vincent raved about how well our CSLIT Executive did and their leadership. Adekunbi, two Catholic Student Leadership coop students, and our teacher moderator Michael Consul also presented the *Equity Champions* professional learning session on November 17. At this meeting, they shared all the equity-related initiatives CSLIT has planned throughout the school year which included our 5 Pillars of Focus, four of which directly tie in with equity.

Faith

The Director of Faith, Roy Bou Abboud, prepared and facilitated opening and closing prayers for our monthly CSLIT and ECSLIT online meetings. Roy will host the final Let's Talk Faith webinar of 2021 on Wednesday, December 15th, 2021 with the help of the Faith Subcommittee. The Faith Subcommittee has been meeting on a weekly basis, planning the upcoming Let's Talk Faith webinar. The December 15th meeting will focus on the advent season and the meaning of Christmas. The Faith Subcommittee will also be volunteering at the Parkdale Community Foodbank on December 4th, with the goal of putting their faith into action during the Christmas season.

Charity

The Charity Subcommittee led by Nicole and Julissa is excited about spreading the Christmas spirit through charitable works throughout December. The new Charity subcommittee Instagram account is growing which is an amazing sign that students want to get involved in supporting great charities like the Angel Foundation, Sharelife, Development and Peace, and Meagan's Hug. The CSLIT Charity Instagram account started a *Sunday Spotlight* where the good works of one charity is highlighted and ways to get involved. Julissa and Nicole also started promoting the #angelsamongus hashtag on Instagram. This gives students the opportunity to

highlight someone at their school who has made a positive impact on other people through their generosity and actions. Every month, Nicole and Julissa attend the Angel Foundation board meeting to share CSLIT updates as well as brainstorm ways to get more students involved in AFL initiatives. This year the plan is to create a board-wide A-Team composed of members for each TCDSB high school. This team would be responsible for bringing AFL awareness back to each school. One of their first tasks is to book a presentation time at their next staff meeting to encourage their teachers to sign up for the AFL cents off the program. In addition, Julissa and Nicole have been promoting AFL, Sharelife, and Meagan's Hug initiatives at the CSLIT, ECSLIT and Let's Talk Faith monthly meetings. This includes AFL Christmas Card and mask sales, Sharelife's poster contest, and Meagan's hug gingerbread competition. December is a really busy month for our Charity subcommittee.

Public Relations

The Public Relations Team has been busy during this month of November, ensuring that the overall student community is aware of the most up-to-date information regarding CSLIT and its subsidiary initiatives. Everyone's help is greatly appreciated in terms of promoting and encouraging schools to participate in CSLIT and Catholic Student Leadership events. One new event that started on December 1st is Work on Wealth Wednesdays. Our Voices that Challenge surveys have always revealed a need for more financial literacy and money management education. This new weekly professional panel discussion on youtube aims to provide that financial education not covered in the curriculum. Students will be able to pose their questions to the panel throughout the week, and each Wednesday the topics covered will be directed by the student inquiries submitted.

Administrative Affairs

Like always, Junette Tindan has been working alongside the student trustees and members of the CSLIT executive council to make sure everything is in order. This includes making slides, booking guest speakers, organizing subcommittee calendars, arranging prizes, taking meeting minutes, and many other important

tasks. Junette is also responsible for breaking down participation numbers and logistical data. Junette is the glue that holds everything together and is one of the Exec members that Michael Consul works most closely with.

Over our last 3 CSLIT monthly meetings, the following schools had the biggest attendance numbers:

September - Bishop Allen & Senator O'Connor

October - Marshall McLuhan & Senator O'Connor

November - Marshall McLuhan & Senator O'Connor

Your help in promoting CSLIT involvement is much appreciated.