

November Student Trustee Board Report



Update from the Student Trustees:

- JoyGold and Ruben hosted the October CSLIT GA. It was another successful event which was followed by a Halloween social. The GA also welcomed TDSB student trustees Angelika Bell, Jenny Xing and Derian Westra. Our TDSB counterparts wanted to check out how we run our student senate and were amazed by the level of participation and enthusiasm.
- JoyGold and Ruben participated in OSTA-AECO's Fall General Meeting in downtown Toronto. They were able to participate in professional development workshops, share best practices, and talk about the most pressing issues facing students in Ontario.
- Ruben in consultation with the GTHA Catholic Student Trustees at OSTA-AECO have chosen a focus for the academic year. GTHA Catholic Student Trustees will be spearheading the pillar "Faith Development and Learning" to encourage all Catholic students to engage in faith related activities and spiritual growth so students can live out their God-given potential.
- Ruben alongside the OSTA-AECO Catholic Cabinet hosted a professional development workshop for Catholic Student Trustees at our Fall General Meeting. Ruben was able to educate participants on how to move motions and present recommendations as a Student Trustee.
- JoyGold attended the Toronto Youth Cabinet (TYC) press conference in regards to the call for more jobs for youth in our city. Postcards written by over 3000 students at our board were displayed. Personal messages from students were also displayed which emphasized how students felt about the

high youth unemployment rate. We would like to thank all the schools that participated, and the students, teachers and administrators for their support.

- Ruben participated in a Ministry Stakeholder Consultation meeting for School Mental Health Ontario. He was able to discuss and provide insight on how school boards can help support student wellbeing through resources available, and share his and other students experiences within an educational environment.
- Ruben and JoyGold marked the solemn Remembrance Day by attending the 96th Annual Sunrise Ceremony at Prospect cemetery. There they laid a wreath and represented TCDSB students as we remember those who were sacrificed for our freedom. We would like to thank Trustee D'Amico for the invitation. We also marked this day at the board ceremony as wreath bearers.
- Ruben and JoyGold attended the 45th annual Cardinal's dinner, where they got to understand more about how we can all come together even with our differences to strengthen our communities.
- Ruben and JoyGold were the Masters of Ceremony for the Safe Schools Symposium on November 19th at Montecassino. It was a day full of amazing learning and leadership for students ambassadors across our board.

CSLIT EXECUTIVE TEAM:

Charity:

- Sofia and Ralph attended the AFL's monthly meeting and provided a report on CSLIT's current activities
- The Directors of Charity have met with their subcommittee and are currently planning a Christmas Toy Drive in support of the CSL Department's

Philippines service trip. 3 Exec members along with 26 other TCDSB students will be participating.

Equity:

- Faizat and Nydel had a meeting with members from the Equity department and the superintendent of Equity to discuss future plans and how to better align Equity department initiatives and CSLIT goals.
- Faizat and Nydel will be having their next subcommittee meeting this week to discuss ways how CSLIT can help bring more equity awareness to schools.
- Faizat and Nydel began planning for the Inclusion and Belonging Retreat and are aiming for the spring to have the event. The Equity department has agreed to co-plan and support the event. Our CSLIT equity team is excited about the collaboration.

Social Justice:

- Anissa and Sarah have met with members of the Social Justice and Social Affairs subcommittees in preparation for the upcoming Christmas Concert for Charity. Proceeds from the event will help support students participating in the Philippines Service trip. The event is scheduled for December and will be hosted at St. Patrick's theatre.
- Anissa and Sarah have initiated Mental Health Mondays on the Social Justice Instagram account. Every week they will be posting mental health resources, effective strategies, and other insightful content in an effort to support student's mental wellbeing.
- Anissa and Sarah have discussed the Social Justice in Action fund with the Angel Foundation's Communications and Outreach Officer. They are

currently working out how schools can go about applying for funding to support local social justice initiatives.

- Anissa and Sarah have contacted *Development and Peace* to discuss ways CSLIT can help support their social justice work. They are excited about the potential impact our students can make through D&P campaigns.

Faith:

- Vianca hosted her second Faith committee meeting this month. One topic was their weekly Faith Fact Friday social media post and how they can get more student voice in regards to what facts and information should be shared.
- Faith Fact Friday topics this month include the power of praying the rosary, the difference between Apostles and Disciples, using music as form of prayer, and compiling a list of praise and worship music to share for everyone to enjoy.
- Vianca created a challenge for students to fill out a survey to their favourite praise and worship songs. The faith committee will use this list when picking songs to play at various CSLIT events. Those who take the time to share a song, will be entered in a raffle to increase engagement and participation.
- Vianca was invited to speak on OMNI television on behalf of the students attending the Philippines Service Trip. She shared how participating on the trip was a way to follow Jesus' footsteps by serving the poor and putting her faith into action.

ECSLIT:

- The ECSLIT directors coordinated and hosted their November's monthly meetings. The east meeting was held on November 6 and west meeting was held on November 13. This month's guest speaker was Glen Reyes from Breakin Canada who spoke about living out your passions, finding needs in your community, and leading with love.
- This month, Chase and Darwin started their mental health minute presentations as part of their ECSLIT agenda. Each month, a mental health minute will be shared at each ECSLIT meeting as well as posted on social media for students who do not attend.
- Chase and Darwin presented to the board of trustees and senior staff on November 7, outlining the ECSLIT pillars of focus for 2024-2025.

Public Relations:

- The Public Relations team has been dedicated to raising awareness of CSLIT's events and initiatives across the TCDSB community. This past month, we focused on promoting key activities and supporting sub-committees in their outreach efforts.
- We have designed and posted promotional content for the October General Assembly on Instagram leveraging different functions on IG (post, stories), to reach a larger audience. Attendance for the October general assembly meeting was high indicating the effectiveness of their social media campaigns.

Administrative Affairs:

- Director of Administrative Affairs, Stephnie Perera Gunawardane, worked closely with the Student Trustees and Mr. Consul to plan and host CSLIT's October General Assembly.
- Stephnie continues working with the Student Trustees and Mr. Consul, as well as Student Trustees from the TDSB, in preparation for the upcoming November GA to be held at City Hall.
- Stephnie coordinated the CSLIT Executive parent dinner, which allowed parents of our Executive team to come together and learn more about the roles, responsibilities and future goals the Executive team has for the upcoming school year. It also allowed each parent to formally meeting our CSLIT moderator Mr. Consul.
- Stephnie has been working closely with the Co-Directors of Social Justice in organizing the upcoming CSLIT Christmas Concert. She helped coordinate the location, technical requirements, and staff support for the event.
- At the beginning of November, Stephnie attended the 46th Annual Ontario Student Leadership Conference in Niagara. Being chosen as an Ontario Youth Speaker Finalist, she presented a speech regarding leadership and implementing true change in our world in front of 2250+ student leaders.
- Throughout the conference, she developed many key skills and lessons that she will bring back and share within her role on CSLIT Exec.

Social Affairs:

- Co-directors of Social Affairs, Cristoffe and Shanti held subcommittee meetings in preparation for the Halloween Social which happened after the October General Assembly meeting. The event ran smoothly and students had a lot of fun. It included Halloween themed face painting, pumpkin decorating, a photobooth, and other fun activities. The directors of Social

Affairs will continue to host fun, memorable and engaging events for the TCDSB student community. In addition to being fun, these types of events bring new students into the CSLIT circle who will hopefully also join other CSLIT leadership initiatives.

- Cristoffe and Shanti met with Co-Directors of Social Justice to coordinate and arrange CSLIT's Charity Christmas Concert. The partnership between both subcommittee will allow them to make a bigger impact to the beneficiaries of the event.
- Cristoffe and Shanti will be hosting various subcommittee meetings to work out the logistics of the Charity Christmas concert as well as other social affairs events on the horizon.