

TRUSTEE REVIEW

CSLIT September General Assembly

Our September General Assembly took place on September 22, 2015 with 32 of 32 high schools in attendance. Students heard from a variety of fellow student leaders: former participants of the Tanzania Leadership trip, Robert Adragna, who pitched an Arctic-focused environmental conference, as well as members of CSLIT's Executive team who called the leaders to action by signing up for a sub-committee(s).

Interschool discussion was another important component of the evening. Schools were divided East, West and Central where they spoke on common issues of concern that CSLIT could take action on such as composting and further mental health awareness.

Ontario Student Trustees' Association/Association des Élèves conseillers et conseillères de l'Ontario (OSTA-AECO)

From October 1st-4th, 2015, we attended the OSTA-AECO Fall General Meeting at the Toronto Marriott Downtown Eaton Centre.

With over 40 public, Catholic, and French school boards in attendance, the conference was a great transition into the role of Student Trustee. We had the opportunity to network with other Student Trustees, hear from keynote speakers (including Bruce Rodrigues, CEO of EQAO as well as Janet Ecker, former Minister of Education) and contribute to discussion of common school-board goals and issues.

As members of the Catholic Board Council, we have begun planning for the annual Catholic Youth Day, with the intention of a Province-wide mass as well as a social justice initiative. In speaking with CSLIT's Faith Ambassador, this will be in collaboration with the Catholic Teacher's Centre as well as Development and Peace.

When Faith Meets Pedagogy

This Thursday, October 22, 2015, we will host the biennial When Faith Meets Pedagogy Youth Forum which will be taking place. Presented by the Catholic Curriculum Corporation, this year's theme is *Embraced, Centred, & Gathered as God's Family*.

Over 1400 students will be in attendance from many Southern Ontario school boards. It will be an opportunity to participate in liturgy as well as network with other Catholic leaders across the province.

The day consists of keynote speakers including Marc Kielberger, as well as Luke Stocking of Development and Peace, Nina Nyamayaro of Romero House and David Wells of the Diocese of Plymouth, England.

Debrief will follow each of these keynote speakers to ensure that our Catholic Call to Serve resonates amongst student leaders. Over the summer during the Catholic Leadership Camp Olympia week, province-wide student leaders were trained to facilitate these discussions.

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The **Equity** Subcommittee had their first meeting October 9th. They planned a retreat at **L'Arche Daybreak** on November 3rd. L'Arche Daybreak is an international organization that provides communities and homes for individuals with disabilities and their caretakers. This retreat will bring together student leaders and l'arche community members through dialogue, games, and various activities in a safe and positive way. They are also planning possible events including an Inclusion and Belonging Retreat and De-Stress Week for Mental Health.

The **Social Affairs** Subcommittee has established all the events that they are planning to organize such as the CSLIT Gala, CSLIT Social and CSLIT BBQ. and a new collaborating event with the Children's Aid Foundation. The Director of Social Affairs and one of the student trustees will attend a scheduled meeting with a representative from Children's Aid to discuss further details, dates, themes etc.

The **Angel Foundation** Subcommittee has been brainstorming new ways to fundraise and raise awareness about AFL. The CSLIT executive will be attending and volunteering their time to set up for The Evening to Feed the Soul Gala.

The **Faith** Subcommittee has been discussing faith based issues within their schools and why they value our Catholic Board. They have planned a can food drive in support of St. Francis Table and a clothing drive for the St. Vincent de Paul Society in the winter.

The **Social Justice** Subcommittee has taken on a campaign by **Development and Peace**, one of TCDSB's official charities called "Create a Climate of Change". This campaign aims to help the poorest people who suffer from intensive climate change. Their goal is to distribute postcards to all high

schools and present a petition to the House of Commons. Chaminade and Carter are already signing 1,750 postcards. November 12th is the D&P Student Day.

E- CSLIT Directors had their first E-CSLIT meeting on October 7th. They did various activities and challenges with the student leaders and created a friendly competition for Teachers. They posted a blog post recap of their meeting and posted photos on the catholicstudentleadership.com website.

Public Relations Team

Recently, we have been granted access to the TCDSB student council emails and will distribute at the upcoming Presidents' council. These emails will facilitate communication amongst all of our school councils.

They are reconstructing a brand new CSLIT website that includes a calendar, volunteer and scholarship opportunities, information about what is going on within our schools and school board.

They have a page of statements on the importance of Catholic Leadership from various public figures such as Director of Education: Angela Gauthier, NDP candidate and former Student Trustee: Natalie Rizzo, Student Leadership Coordinator: Gregory Rogers, Jean Vanier and many more.