

## May Student Trustee Board Report

### Update from the Student Trustees:



- JoyGold and Ruben hosted the April General Assembly at Cardinal Carter. This GA Election Day for the position of Student Trustee was filled with energy as CSLIT members were able to listen to and cheer on the candidates. We are pleased to announce that Viance Vacheresse from Loretto Abbey will be the new incoming Student Trustee.
- JoyGold attended the TCDSB Woodbine Festival of the Arts with other instrumentalists and spoken word artists from Father Henry Carr. She had the opportunity to perform 2 songs including one original piece with her band. This was a great opportunity to share her love for music while celebrating the talents of other students within our board.
- JoyGold spoke to grade 6-8 girls at St. Bernard Catholic School on the topic of girlhood and leadership through the book, *Girls Hold Up This World* by Jada Pinkett Smith. This was an incredible opportunity to share her journey, and inspire elementary female leaders as they work towards making a difference in their communities and the world. She thanks Principal D'Souza for the warm welcome.
- JoyGold and Ruben attended Camp Olympia in Huntsville. It was a great opportunity to celebrate leadership and learn new skills alongside other student leaders across our board. Special thanks to the many volunteers and host schools: James Cardinal McGuigan, Monsignor Percy Johnson and

Bishop Allen for spearheading the activities that were filled with fun and energy. Close to 600 students from 22 secondary schools attended across 2 weekends. We thank Superintendent George Danfulani for attending.

- JoyGold celebrated the Loran scholarship in an assembly with Father Henry Carr. Members of the board were in attendance and she extends her gratitude to Director Browne, Superintendent Ciffeli, Superintendent Walo, Superintendent Caccamo, Superintendent Campbell, Trustee Martino community relations Officer Olivia Campbell for their time and support. It was truly a great opportunity to celebrate this award with the Carr community.
- JoyGold attended the final ACAC meeting of the year. She listened to conversations of next year's goals, and the final BSA events planned for students for the rest of the year.

## **CSLIT EXECUTIVE TEAM:**

### **Elementary:**

- Directors of Elementary Affairs officially wrapped up the monthly ECSLIT meetings for the year. Each month, we consistently welcomed close to 300 students from schools across the TCDSB. Two meetings were held every month, one for East schools, and a second for West schools. Meetings focused on student leadership, community building, and Catholic social teachings. This year, we successfully expanded ECSLIT's reach, bringing in new schools and connecting with previously unreached communities.
- To end the year, there will be a final full-day event that will bring east and west students together one last time. This final event will be a time for

reflection, celebration, and recognizing the impact these young leaders have made.

### **Faith:**

- Director of Faith, Vianca has been working closely with teachers from St. John Paul II, Cardinal Carter and Msgr. Pat from St. Edwards Parish to plan a Jubilee Youth Event. More details to come in next month's report.
- Vianca attended one of the Olympia leadership weekends as a representative from Loretto Abbey.
- Vianca co-presented at the Nurturing our Catholic Community Steering Committee meeting outlining all the wonderful initiatives CSLIT and the Catholic Student Leadership department has offered in 2025.
- Vianca has also been elected the new student trustee for the 2025-2027 term.

### **Equity:**

- The Directors of Equity have been discussing with the Department of Equity surrounding the upcoming BSA Symposium.
- Faizat and Nydel continue to get amazing feedback from the Inclusion and Belonging Retreat co-hosted by the equity department.

### **Social Affairs:**

- The Directors of Social Affairs, Cristoffe and Shanti, recently organized a sticky-note scavenger hunt at the April General Assembly. It was met with lots of enthusiasm and was highly participated in.

- Shanti and Cristoffe, attended the April student trustee elections, and assisted where needed to ensure everything ran smoothly.
- Shanti and Cristoffe, continue to meet with their subcommittee to plan and work towards the CSLIT semi-formal gala and cultural social.

### **Public Relations:**

- Public Relations has continued to diligently promote events and initiatives through social media to all TCDSB Secondary Schools
- The PR Team effectively captured footage from the Student Trustee Elections and created a captivating recap video and congratulatory post for incoming student trustee.
- Janet, presented alongside Vianca at the NCC's Steering Committee Meeting, which focused on the faith-based aspects of CSLIT and how Faith has been integrated into all CSLIT's initiatives, such as the Lift Jesus Higher Rally, SMILE Camp and Faith Fact Friday posts.
- Janet also attended the ACAC meeting on Tuesday May 13th, which focused on many topics, such as the Ontario Human Rights' Commission Report on Anti-Black Racism in Schools and strategies the TCDSB is currently implementing. Black History Month for the next school year and the Early Childhood Development Initiative were also discussed.

### **Charity:**

- Directors Ralph and Sofia provided their monthly report to the Angel Foundation for Learning

- They met virtually with Joyce Moriana from the Meagan Bebenek Foundation, and helped to promote the Meagan's hug event on May 10th.
- Ralph was part of the hosting team from Bishop Allen who planned all the events from the second Camp Leadership Olympia weekend. Close to 300 students participated.

### **Administrative Affairs**

- Director of Administrative Affairs, Stephnie, co-emceed the Safe Schools Symposium alongside Ruben. It was a successful event focused on student voice, equity, and creating inclusive, supportive environments at school and online.
- Stephnie is working closely with the Student Trustees and Mr. Consul to plan the final General Assembly of the 2024-2025 school year, while also planning for the upcoming Voices that Challenge Conference. She is currently in the process of finalising the itinerary, creating slides, managing attendance and logistics for both exciting events.
- Stephnie is managing orders for the Catholic Student Leadership Apparel initiative. All money raised will be donated to the Angel Foundation for Learning to allow them to further support our students.
- Stephnie also represented St. Patrick at one of the Camp Olympia Leadership weekends.
- Stephnie serves as the primary liaison between the Student Trustees and all members of the CSLIT Executive Team. She has been actively supporting CSLIT Executive members and subcommittees with their upcoming initiatives, providing assistance with promotion, organising logistics, and communications.