

June Board Report

OSTA-AECO AGM

From May 26th to May 29th, transitional student trustee Karina Dubrovskaya and incoming student trustee Rhea Carlisle attended the Ontario Student Trustees Association Annual General Assembly.

Throughout the conference they heard from a number of keynote speeches including: David Onley, 28th Lieutenant Governor of Ontario on accessibility issues and Liz Sandals, Minister Of Education on current issues in education. The student trustees represented TCDSB in board council breakouts and during student voice discussion in regards to community hours, different levels of education and free tuition.

Karina Dubrovskaya was elected by the general assembly to serve as the French Relations Officer for the 2016-2017 OSTA-AECO executive. The council as whole will work together to represent the 2 million students' vision and voice in Ontario, which includes consulting on policy and collaborating with stakeholders.

Focus On Youth

Over the weekend of June 4-5, high school students in the TCDSB's Focus on Youth program participated in training at Camp Olympia. Led by Andre Fullerton and Mike Consul, the weekend was a chance for future camp counselors, custodians and administrative workers to gain leadership skills that will prove valuable in their workplaces over the summer.

Subcommittees

Equity

This year, the Equity subcommittee was successful in hosting several events in the spirit of mental health, students with disabilities, and the LGBTQ+ community. Bringing together a subcommittee of about 10 students from high schools across the east and west ends of Toronto, it was a year to celebrate equity in our Catholic schools.

Social justice

Working closely with Development and Peace, the Social Justice subcommittee took on a number of initiatives this year. In spirit of COP21 in Paris earlier this year, they took to sign a number of petitions encouraging our federal government to take action towards climate change. This included a march at Queens' Park with mascots from schools such as Cardinal Carter and St. John Paul II.

Social Affairs and Angel Council

Both subcommittees are working towards the upcoming CSLIT Gala, which will be in support of the Angel Foundation for Learning.

Faith

The Faith subcommittee was successful in hosting the annual Board-wide mass.