

April 2015 Student Trustee Monthly Report

Standing Committee Updates

Social Affairs

It's the time of year again for our annual CSLIT Gala. This year we are taking a little bit of a different focusing more on raising funds for the Angel Foundation for Learning. It will be held in Bishop Allen's gym to save costs on banquet hall fees. It will take place on May 22nd from 6:30-11:00. Tickets are only \$25.00 and all proceeds will go to AFL. We are aiming for at least 200 students to attend. If you are interested in attending, please email Hannah McGroarty at hannah.mcgroarty@tcdsb.org.

Angel Council

On Easter Monday, about fifteen members from the Angel Council volunteered at the Good Shepherd Refuge. They served meals, organized canned goods and more. While there, they learned that there is a need for adult T-Shirts this summer. So we asked members of CSLIT's General Assembly to bring a minimum of two t-shirts to the meeting. Also, they are organizing another volunteering on April 25th at L'Amoreaux North Park planting trees.

Faith Action Team

Last year under the direction of the TCDSB student trustees and the Catholic Board Council at OSTA-AECO, a province wide mass and religious discussion to celebrate Catholic Education week was initiated. We are very excited to announce that this initiative is continuing under the direction of this year's Student Trustees, the Religion, Faith Action Team and Student Leadership Departments on Thursday, May 7. This year, the mass will be followed by a Peace Walk downtown.

Equity Committee

In collaboration with Pan Am and Parapan Games, we will be organizing a wheelchair tennis tournament. More details are to come.

Social Justice Committee

A very successful 2nd Annual Dodging for Justice Tournament was held on April 10th at Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts. In partnership with Development and Peace, we raised awareness for small family farmers who struggle to keep their own seeds to feed their families, their communities, and the world without being controlled by privatized by multinational companies who limit seed biodiversity.

President's Council

During May we will be gathering with all secondary student councils in the TCDSB. Here student council members will share best practices, learn about different initiatives in the board, and have open forums discussing different problems within our schools. We will also be inviting future student

council members (if they have been elected) for a small orientation. The goal of the day will be to produce a Student Council Handbook for future student councils to use.

Student Trustee Elections

After applications were handed out during our February General Assembly of the CSLIT, we have had 9 candidates step forward, 6 of whom are running in grade 10 for the two-year term, with the other 3 being in grade 11 running for the one-year term, as per our new policy. The elections will be held on Tuesday, April 21st at the CEC, with student representatives from each school attending to listen to the candidates speeches and vote on whom they would like to have representing them as student trustee.

Camp Olympia Leadership Weekends

The first Camp Olympia leadership weekend will be held on April 24th-26th by Jean Vanier at Olympia Sports Camp, with the following two weekends being hosted by Marshal McLuhan and Blessed Mother Theresa. The focus of each weekend is to build leadership skills within each participating student, and to bring schools from all across the board together in a fun-filled event promoting Catholic social teachings. Special thanks to Greg Rogers and the host schools for organizing these amazing events.