

November Student Trustee Board Report:



October General Assembly:

On Tuesday, October 25th, CSLIT held its October General Assembly (GA). This General Assembly was filled with many opportunities. Erika Aguilera and David Letra presented the students with the options to join the Filipino, African-Canadian, Portuguese and Latino advisory committees. Our Executive Council had their subcommittee sign up, where students had the option to sign up for one or more subcommittees that they are passionate about. Furthermore, Michael Consul and the CSLIT team encouraged the students to bring school supplies to the next GA to send to a school in Nigeria. CSLIT General Assemblies continue to inspire students to positively promote student voice, advocate for issues they are passionate about and provide students with the resources to run their own initiatives.

L'Arche Daybreak:

The L'Arche Daybreak retreat was held on Monday, November 7th, 2016. The retreat focused on acceptance and inclusion for those with disabilities. L'Arche provides students with the opportunity to stop the stigma around people with intellectual disabilities. The students spent the day playing trust building games with the L'Arche community. Together they celebrated the unique value of every person and recognized their need of one another. At L'Arche and in their daily lives, the students of the TCDSB are striving to become more compassionate and inclusive Catholics.

Subcommittee Reviews:

Equity:

The Equity Sub-Committee has been planning the agenda for the upcoming Inclusion and Belonging Retreat. This includes contacting possible keynote speakers, creating awareness activities and resources for students that align with the Catholic values. The goal of the retreat is to re instill the feeling of inclusion, belonging safety and support offered by the TCDSB for all students.

Social Justice:

The Social Justice Subcommittee is organizing a Christmas toy/donation drive. This helps bring Catholic values to light in the true spirit of giving. The subcommittee will fundraise and collect donations of newly bought toys through schools and through CSLIT up until the December GA. All toy donations will be given to the Toronto Fire Services who will distribute them to different children in need. All of the monetary donations will go towards an organization that buys toys for First Nation students in Toronto. Additionally, the subcommittee

has identified the issues of focus for this year. The issues of interest are FNMI education and newcomer/international student transitioning.

Elementary Affairs:

During October's meeting, elementary student leaders were challenged to bring in nonperishable food items. At November's meeting, they successfully filled up to 20 boxes of nonperishable food that will be donated to WE's yearly food drive. These young student leaders are exemplifying true Catholic values in their spirit of giving.

At November's meeting, the leaders were asked to get signatures for Development and Peace's post-cards. These post-cards address the challenges surrounding environmental degradation and climate change. They also ask the Canadian government to have consideration for the major and important role of small family farmers in the southern countries to help reduce global warming and fight against world hunger. Additionally, a board speaker, Susan Hookong-Taylor, presented the pastoral song for all student leaders to remind them of the TCDSB's 3 year Pastoral Plan and to deepen the roots of our Catholic faith.

Angel Foundation For Learning:

The AFL has two main goals: to fundraise and to spread awareness for the Angel Foundation. In terms of fundraising initiatives, the group discussed selling food at next month's CSLIT Christmas Social, where a raffle for gift cards would also be looked into.

For spreading awareness of the Angel Foundation's mission, the group discussed having AFL apparel (baseball hats, hoodies) as their long-term goal. The apparel would be available for purchase to TCDSB elementary and high school students, as well as TCDSB staff.

Social Affairs:

The team has planned a talent show called Friday Night Live on **November 25th** at St. Patrick's, to start off the CSLIT year. This will be a board wide event, showcasing performances from a variety of students from different schools across the TCDSB. This social event is being held to promote student unity, community and communication within our school board. As well as provide a fun, entertaining and relaxing night for all the students to take part in. The majority of the proceeds of the event will go towards the Angel Foundation for Learning.

The Christmas social, the second event of the year, promotes the spirit of Christmas and our faith. The committee has come up with various ideas and themes for the general assembly meeting. The Christmas social will be on **Tuesday, December 20th**.

Lastly, the Director of Social Affairs has contacted Molly Mckeon to initiate the plans for the Miracle Network Dance Marathon. The event will be a fundraiser for our local Sick Kids Hospital in downtown Toronto.

Faith:

The faith subcommittee has been planning retreats and events to include students of the TCDSB to a safe space of peace and prayer. They are in the process of creating an event where students can feel free to come in and express themselves in poetry, dance and other talents to give thanks to God and be thankful for all we as Catholics, are blessed with. This event will be finalized in November and implemented in December.