

#### March Student Trustee Report:

On March 20th the CSLIT Executive along with some student volunteers helped to facilitate a successful Voices That Challenge Conference. This leadership conference was one where a diverse group of student leaders from across the TCDSB came together to learn how to use their voices to empower their fellow students. Many members of the board attended including the Director and Associate Director of Education who both shared some words of wisdom with the audience of student leaders.

The students attending this conference were able to take part in many different workshops to develop their leadership skills, as well as listen to two amazing keynote speakers; Stan Wesley (who touched on various issues still seen in Canadian Aboriginal communities and how we, as leaders, can come together to combat these issues) and Sophia Bayjoo (a motivational speaker from WE who spoke about challenging ourselves to get involved in issues we are passionate about). Students were asked to complete a survey relating to student voice at the end of each workshop, the results of which will be included in the Student Trustee Voices That Challenge Board Report.

# Subcommittee Updates:

## **E-CSLIT:**

This month, E-CSLIT focused on the virtue of March: Forgiveness. Before the meeting began, student leaders successfully filled 5 boxes with school supplies for students in the Philippines. One keynote speaker, Stephan Martins, gave an educational and eye-opening presentation as he discussed how student leaders can help their schools become eco-friendly. The next face-to-face meeting will be on April 6th, 2017 which will be focused on the virtue of Justice. In addition, for next month's challenge, students are asked to build and design a Rube Goldberg Machine. On March 27th, 2017 the i-LITE conference will be held at the Metro Convention Centre.

## **Social Affairs:**

The Social Affairs Movie Night was successfully held on Friday, March 10th at the CEC in Quigley Hall. The event allowed students to enjoy evening with their friends and other leaders in the school board. The event was executed two both provide an enjoyable evening and additional funds for AFL and Social Affairs for their respective upcoming events. The Social Affairs committee will continue to plan in depth for the upcoming CSLIT Gala potentially taking place on May 26th.

#### **Social Justice:**

This month, the Social Justice subcommittee has collected donations for Frontiers Foundation and will continue to do so until March 28th. Social Justice has also been working on the creation of an Aboriginal workshop which would raise awareness about the injustices and social inequalities that Native Peoples of Canada face, and encourages student leaders to advocate for change. In addition, Social Justice has worked in collaboration with the Equity subcommittee to plan a trip to visit Mohawk Institute, a former residential school in Brantford, Ontario.

#### **Equity:**

The Inclusion and Belonging Retreat is scheduled for Friday, April 7th at Don Bosco. With keynote speakers such as Jenna Tenyuk, Emmet, and a former Equity Director. Equity and Social Justice are currently organizing a trip to a Northern Residential school (see above). We also have student leaders going to PAST camp May 1st-3rd.

#### **Angel Foundation:**

This month, the AFL subcommittee is planning another fundraising event, "Glow in the Dark Dance" which will happen April 7th. Furthermore, the AFL sweaters will be sold until the end of the month and will be promoted throughout the following weeks. All profits from these sweaters will go towards the Angel Foundation for Learning.

#### Faith:

In the month of March, the Faith aspect of CSLIT attended the Lift Jesus Higher Rally where the TCDSB organized a table to "advertise" all the teachings of the catholic board, including all the service trips and events held through CSLIT and the board itself. The Ordinandi lunch also occurred within the month of March, where students across the board were able to learn more about the importance of the Catholic faith, and were able to bring stories and lessons learned back to their schools.

This month the group has been able to contact women shelters to organize a fundraiser dedicated to them, and the group plans to promote a small donation at the next General Assembly. Additionally, they have been able to contact sisters who are willing to work with the subcommittee and provide small rosaries to the group to potentially sell at an upcoming meeting, all proceeds would go to the Archdiocese of Toronto.

## **CSLIT General Assembly:**

On February 28th, CSLIT held yet another successful General Assembly with a diverse group of secondary students from across the board in attendance. This meeting was filled with keynote speakers to help expand the way student leaders perceive various situations. Father Brian, a representative from the Missionaries of the Poor, spoke to the students about the board wide mission for hope in Haiti. Dwayne Matthews, also came to speak to the students about the importance of using your imagination to reach their goals. At the end of the February General Assembly, students were encouraged to come out and attend the next GA which will be held on March 28th.