

November Student Trustee Board Report



October General Assembly:

On October 31st, CSLIT held its third successful General Assembly of the year. Superintendent Cristina Fernandes provided a presentation on anaphylaxis and consulted the students of CSLIT on the ways in which the board can better address allergies within secondary schools. In addition to this, the CSLIT Executive Council had their first breakout sessions of the year and were able to develop concrete goals in the upcoming months for each subcommittee. Students were challenged to complete a monthly team building exercise and attend the next GA which will be held on November 28th.

OSTA-AECO FGM Conference:

From November 2nd to 4th, Student Trustees' Rhea Carlisle and Joel Ndongmi attended the Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA-AECO) FGM Conference dedicated to providing professional development to the Student Trustees of Ontario.

Throughout this conference, the Student Trustees listened to multiple inspiring speakers including: the youngest Member of Provincial Parliament Sam Oosterhoff, the President of Sportsnet and NHL Properties Scott Moore, and the CEO of EQAO Norah Marsh. The Student Trustees also received professional development from the President of the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA), Pat Daly on the important topic of 'Understanding School Board Finance'.

In addition to this, the Student Trustees participated in the Catholic Board Council Breakout at the FGM Conference. The Catholic Board Council of OSTA-AECO is currently in the process of developing key breakout groups dedicated to Catholic student voice in three major areas of focus (*Renewing the Promise, Special Education, and Community and Youth Engagement*). The Catholic Board Council will also continue planning for Ontario Catholic Student Youth Day.

Upcoming Events

Both ECSLIT and CSLIT will be in attendance at the upcoming Angel Foundation Gala on November 10th.

Subcommittee Updates

ECSLIT:

On October 18th, ECSLIT held the first online meeting of the year where student leaders participated in various quizzes, games and inclusive activities. The next ECSLIT online meeting will be held on November 15th.

The ECSLIT face-to-face meeting was held on November 1st, where the virtue of *Gratitude* came to an end with the collection of donations items for Puerto Rico's hurricane relief.

Social Affairs:

The Social Affairs Committee will continue to organize and plan out the November Dance kickoff. The money raised from this event will proceed towards Sick Kid's Miracle Network Dance.

Angel Foundation for Learning:

The Angel Foundation for Learning Committee plans on creating designs and releasing them to CSLIT GA attendees by the end of November. The AFL student leaders are also brainstorming initiatives for future ECSLIT gatherings, to not only raise awareness and money towards the charity, but to also build relationships between the elementary and secondary student leaders.

Social Justice:

For the month of November, the Social Justice Committee will be continuing its commitment to promoting impartiality and encouraging fairness within schools and communities. One of their first areas of focus will be planning the Break the Glass Gala in collaboration with the Equity Committee in order to raise awareness about women's rights and address the ways in which women are affected by the glass ceiling effect.

Faith:

As an opening for October's General Assembly, Faith provided a prayer to focus on the virtue of the month, *gratitude*. The prayer gave recognition and honour to the traditional Indigenous land we are situated upon, and gave thanks for the many things that God, through our world, continues to offer us.

Faith established a subcommittee consisting of 14 student leaders. This year, Faith plans to work together to execute one main goal – ensuring that students keep our religion closely interlaced into our daily lives.

Equity:

In month of November, the Equity Committee will both be attending and volunteering at the Indigenous Rights and Awareness event taking place on November 8th at the CEC. The Equity Committee will also be hosting the L'Arche Daybreak Retreat in the month of November.