

## **December Student Trustee Board Report**



### **CSLIT General Assembly:**

On November 28<sup>th</sup>, CSLIT held the last General Assembly for this calendar year. This General Assembly consisted of workshops and icebreakers surrounding various student leadership opportunities as well as provided students with a platform to network. Students completed the challenge of the month and were encouraged to attend the next General Assembly taking place on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **Student Trustee Important Events**

### **Student Developed Mental Health Video Support Strategy:**

On November 7<sup>th</sup>, the Student Trustees and the CSLIT Executive Council met with Patricia Marra-Stapleton to discuss the creation strategy of a mental health support video for students. This initiative will be spearheaded by the TCDSB Mental Health Leader, the Student Trustees and the CSLIT Public Relations Team.

### **Meeting with the Director of Education:**

On November 21<sup>st</sup>, the Student Trustees met with the TCDSB Director of Education, Rory McGuckin, to review the 2017 CSLIT Voices That Challenge Report goals of the year.

### **Safe Schools Symposium:**

On November 23<sup>rd</sup>, both Student Trustees attended the 2017 Safe Schools Student Ambassador Symposium where Student Trustee, Joel Ndongmi, was one of the event emcees.

## **Committee Updates**

### **Equity:**

Throughout the month of December, the Equity Committee has outlined their finalized goals for the 2018 year. Some events of discussion include an excursion to a former residential school, the L'Arche Daybreak Retreat, the "Break the Glass Gala" for women's rights in collaboration with the Social Justice Committee, and the Inclusion and Belonging Retreat. This month, the Equity Committee will also oversee an Action Team entitled *Mind Matters*, created by

a TCDSB student. The purpose of *Mind Matters* is to raise awareness for mental health and well-being among secondary students through the arts.

### **Faith Ambassador:**

This month, the Faith Committee hosted an open dialogue surrounding the important role of Catholic student leaders in our school board and province. Students were reminded that leadership is a unique way for us to deepen our relationship with God. The Faith Ambassador also attended ShareLife's "World Day of The Poor" on November 7<sup>th</sup> where they were able to participate in thoughtful group discussions, giving back to those in need, and reflecting on God's Word.

### **Social Affairs:**

During the month of December, the Social Affairs Committee held two meetings where an agenda was finalized for the year. The committee will host a Christmas Movie Night on December 8<sup>th</sup> in collaboration with the AFL Committee. This event would further allow individuals to network, while contributing to a positive cause. Additionally, Social Affairs will be hosting the annual Christmas Social on December 15<sup>th</sup>. The Christmas Social will be a wonderful way for our students to end the year while reflecting upon their faith.

### **Social Justice:**

Throughout the month of December, the Social Justice Committee has been brainstorming ideas and determining the logistics of their initiatives. Social Justice will host a conference in the upcoming months for secondary students that tackles the issue of prejudice and explores the meaning of privilege through workshops and discussion. Social Justice is also currently organizing a volunteer trip to Evergreen Brickworks and a visit to the Mohawk Institute in collaboration with the Equity Committee.

### **Angel Foundation for Learning:**

This month, the Angel Foundation for Learning Committee has been brainstorming concrete goals for the year and collaboration ideas with fellow committees. The AFL Committee

plans on creating sweater designs and releasing them to the CSLIT General Assembly attendees by the end of December to raise money for the Angel Foundation for Learning.

**Elementary Affairs:**

The second E-CSLIT online meeting of the year was held on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Students were challenged to put the virtue of the month, peace, into action and were able to engage with a guest speaker from Development and Peace, Luke Stocking. Elementary student leaders were encouraged to attend the next face to face meeting taking place on December 6<sup>th</sup>.