



Board meeting report from Catholic Student Trustee, Alexa Meeson

Student Trustee Report - September 20, 2016

I am overwhelmed with excitement, as this is my first board report and therefore marks the beginning of my journey as Student Trustee. I would like to mention how privileged I feel to be sitting here tonight amongst you all.

Throughout my time as Student Trustee I can assure you all that I will provide this Board with many insights and recommendations from a Catholic student's perspective. I plan on being a very strong and effective voice for the students across the board. I am looking forward to having the honour of working with the members of the Student Senate. After my experience attending Student Senate last year, it became apparent to me, the vast array of empowering student leaders we have in all our schools. I promise to do the absolute best I can to create a strong, and safe, team atmosphere within the members, to therefore bring out the best in each student.

I want to be able to bring together student leaders from all over the Board and create a positive, interactive, and respectful atmosphere. My goal is to make the members of Student Senate feel comfortable approaching me and their fellow members about both the success and the challenges within their schools. Personally, I think the collaboration within our schools (due to the members of the Student Senate) is already outstanding and that is definitely something I plan to encourage and continue this year. I also plan to emphasize the importance of each student. I am a huge believer in seeking the best in each and every human being, and I look forward to including this throughout my term as Student Trustee.

The beginning of the school year on September 6, brought many welcome back barbecues, beginnings of student councils, clubs, and sports such as; girls basketball, boys volleyball, football and cross country.

St. Jude's Catholic School had their "Meet The Teacher" Barbeque on the 15th. Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary hosted an "Open House Barbecue" on September 18th, and St. John Bosco Elementary School is gearing up for their "Terry Fox run".

Students at St. Mary Catholic High School had the privilege of receiving a presentation from Ryan Hreljac on September 8th. Holy Trinity CSS in Cornwall, started their "Link Crew" program, welcoming many new faces to the school, making them feel comfortable.

Schools across the Board have received many international students. Personally, I have become good friends with a high school student named Tomi, who is attending St. Mary Catholic High School. Tomi is from Zagreb Croatia. He wanted me to pass onto the Board that he is settling in, and is enjoying St. Mary immensely. He also made the remark that he cannot believe the portions we eat. He said "Lunch? What is lunch? You guys have another meal?"

I would like to conclude by stating once again my passion for this Board, and my pledge to be an empowering student voice. My passion and commitment will be evident as I execute all my duties and responsibilities and as I take on an active role in Board-wide projects and initiatives. I plan to be a strong voice and leader for the students and represent this Board, that I feel so privileged to be a part of.