

The multi-school's council

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019

MID MEETING MINUTES

In attendance

Edith Borthwick - Host

Southview

Braintree Mencap

Braintree District Council

Minutes

With a smaller scale MID meeting to our previous 2 (due to SATS week) we were able to collect some ideas from 2 very productive special schools. Unfortunately, Southview did arrive slightly later but we managed to keep things flowing and collect some positive views. Our first discussion point was around the 100 day challenge and what would help give young people a voice but also future job opportunities. The group came up with ideas such as having supportive friends and role models, the correct equipment, practice speaking in front of groups, a chance to visit more potential jobs for the future, gardening experience, more work experience day's in general at a younger age and a bit more encouragement from local employers on what they are looking for.

We then moved on to discussing what future awareness programmes they might like around people's differences and they came up with this list;

- Wheelchair user's
- How people think differently
- Epilepsy

This list will be compared with the other sub-groups across Essex. After giving a bit of background on the Good practice seekers project I then asked if anyone would like to be involved and added 6 more names to my list.

We then looked to see if we could create a short mission statement for the MSC from September. The children had some great ideas including, 'We are all talking', 'Making changes together', 'Let the community hear us' and 'School's

working together'. The ambassador's will be voting on these at our end of year meeting. Finally, we had time to discuss the walk and how we could raise more awareness before our start date of July 1<sup>st</sup>. Ideas included getting on the news, continue to post videos on Youtube and Facebook, flyers, all papers across Essex and national papers.

At the end of the meeting we were given a wonderful tour from Thomas and he managed to show us everything at Edith borthwick. For his tour skills and ideas during the meeting Thomas was the star of this meeting!

**Next meetings: (From September we are splitting into (1) Braintree and (2) Chelmsford).**

**Braintree meeting: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October - Edith Borthwick**

**Chelmsford meeting: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October - Venue TBC**