

The multi-schools council
March 15th 2018
NORTH strand meeting minutes

In attendance

Philip Morant
Rolph Primary
Wendy Smith (Ambassador)
The Local Offer Team (ECC)
Doucecroft
Shorefields
Market Field
Two village primary
St Josephs
Colne (Sent apologies)

Minutes

It was great to welcome some new and old faces to the meeting at Doucecroft School and we started with our introductions. Our first point on the agenda was sponsorship and how we could get local companies to support our aims or even ways in which we could create more income. Ideas included sponsored dress days in schools, local supermarkets, a run/swim/walk type of event and the local Gazette. Tristan from the Rolph school was also going to speak to a friend at a local garage.

Following this, Charlie Latimer then spoke to the group about her planned ambassador programme supported by the Clacton Lions club. Leaflets were handed out to schools and told to email Charlie if they were interested. If schools could encourage participation further that would be great. Next we moved onto our key area for this term which is anti-bullying. The children were asked to discuss ideas on what workshops they would like to see if we had an anti-bullying event. Their ideas included;

- Bullying experiences, both from the victims and bully's themselves
- A football match to promote 'togetherness'
- A drama play about bullying
- A confessions box/or a workshop around why people bully and what we should do to get help
- Sign a balloon

- Design a t-shirt
- General awareness

Lots of powerful ideas and ideas that can hopefully be taken forward to an event the next academic year. I then gave the children some information about a competition we are going to run around creating anti-bullying posters. We hope the posters will then be published and passed around schools involved in the MSC and beyond! It was then time for a break with biscuits and drinks!

(St Joseph's joined the meeting)

After our break we went on to discuss one of our stand out events coming up at the end of June - the community fair! Schools were asked to think of stalls they would like to see at the event and these included ideas such as sponging the teachers (very popular), apple bobbing, smash a plate, darts competition and a human fruit machine. More information about the fair will follow soon and schools will be allocated stalls. I then gave some information about the summer term project we are running with the Local Offer team and the co-production of this service. There is still some availability with a confirmed timetable going out soon with a plan of the session, if schools are interested please contact me.

Unfortunately St Andrew's were unable to be with us so Felix, our head boy, was unable to lead this part of the meeting. The question to the group was how can we get more schools involved in the multi-schools council. Ideas included;

- Schools sharing transport
- Letters and leaflets to be sent into schools
- Assemblies in other schools
- More video's about what we do
- Keep emailing (oh I will!!!!)

We hope some of these ideas will help involve even more schools in breaking down SEN perceptions. Our final discussion point on the agenda was around communication app's and if a group was to use our council as a pilot scheme what would we want to see included. The children wanted information on where to find support if being bullied, competitions, live

chat's, games and links to a YouTube channel. Ideas will be passed back to the company interested.

I finished the meeting by telling the children about our MSC book that is getting close to completion and we hope to have a big book launch. We hope this will help break down perceptions further.

We thanked Doucecroft School and then praised our star of the meeting who was James Barrett from Doucecroft School for some excellent ideas and listening to others.

Next meeting: June 14th - Venue TBC