

The Multi-school's council
Meeting Minutes
21st September 2017 - Market Field School
North Section

In Attendance

Market Field School
Shorefields School
Doucecroft School
Friars Grove School
The Essex Local Offer team
Essex FA
Power2inspire
Active Essex

Minutes

Introductions were made and there was a special welcome to Friars grove to their first multi-schools meeting. Due to time restrictions the agenda had been slightly altered to try and get the key messages across.

Firstly, we discussed the MSC website and what we thought about it. There was a positive feeling towards our website, however the children felt that Makaton/BSL signs could be added to the website, important dates for following meetings and events, a comments section where positivity could be pushed. Also the 'schools involved section' will need updating.

One project we are really excited about is the idea of a multi-school's book being produced by Jajaja books company. We asked the children to think of things that we would want included in the book to show what children in schools find really difficult and try to break down perceptions. Ideas for our book included keeping in control of our emotions, difficulties making friends, overload of work, too much noise, being bullied and not being accepted in and outside of school because of our 'differences'. Ideas will be passed onto Jajaja books.

After that point we spoke about different sporting opportunities for children and this included a questionnaire which Brian Shaw from Active Essex which the pupils filled out. Brian will pass on the results and we hope to also pass some of this information on to Sports for confidence.

Next we moved onto to discuss our special school games event which runs every year at the Basildon sporting village. As our only mainstream school in attendance friar's grove decided to choose swimming as the event they would like to support. Details of the games will follow. Following this the children were asked to come up with ideas on any new sports they would like to see introduced, these included;

- Archery
- Volleyball
- Boccia
- Javelin (in quad athletics)
- Tennis

Ideas will be discussed at the next SSG preparation meeting in November/December.

BREAK - A chance to grab some food/drink and a picture of the group!

After the break we heard from a number of people involved in the MSC. Firstly, we heard from John Willis from power2inspire who spoke a little bit about his inspirational story and the work his charity does. Then we heard from Essex FA about the football opportunities that are out there including the start of an inclusive football team involving Wivenhoe Town. We then heard from the Essex Local Offer team. The Essex Local Offer team are working very closely with the MSC this year to help improve the services provided for young people and ensure that they are getting the best opportunities possible.

We then moved onto discussing the community fair which is an event we ran for the first time this year. Schools were asked what stalls they would like to see at the fair and ideas included a t-shirt design stall, cakes, mine craft games and tennis competitions. Ideas will be passed onto our Ambassadors.

Time was running away with us so we couldn't cover everything but I spoke briefly about plans for a January meeting which would combine pupils from the 4 sections across Essex. We have invited pupils who want

to, to produce a speech if they wish to be head girl/boy at this meeting. Having a head boy or girl is something the children asked for at a previous meeting. Finally we asked schools to go back to their local areas and try and include the schools around them to get involved.

Star of the meeting was Simon for his great comments about including everyone in sports such as tennis and presenting some very good ideas.

Next meeting: See Separate sheet.