

The multi-school's council

Thursday 23RD May 2019

SOUTH MEETING MINUTES

In attendance

Pioneer - Host

Orminston park

Castledon

Lee Chapel

Active Essex

Minutes

The start of the meeting was dominated by introductions from the friendly Pioneer children who hosted a fantastic venue for us. We started the meeting with a short update of actions since our last meeting and then got to work on discussing the agenda. We spoke about what would give more children a voice and what would help towards getting a job. The children said more life skilled based lessons, having supporting friends, more awareness about our differences so that people could speak out, more sport opportunities, a chance to learn signing so that everyone could communicate and clubs based on building people's confidence.

Some of the ideas linked into our next agenda point around what future training opportunities the children might like in regards to learning about our differences. These ideas included having an overall understanding of special schools, children who take care of their parents, hearing from real life experiences, sign language, people who are blind or visual impaired or even providing different fact sheets around invisible disabilities.

Before we stopped for break we spoke about having a MSC mascot which is something our head boy and girl are really keen for. Ideas included;

- Nurse
- A tiger
- Snowflake

- Lion
- Something sport related

We then stopped for a short break and we saw a few dance moves!

After the break the children came up with some ideas on words or statements that we could use as a mission statement. Ideas included 'Understand', 'Similar differences', 'Happy together', 'Speak out loud', 'You're one in a billion', 'Include not exclude'. The Ambassador's will be voting on these in July.

We then continued our voting process on the top topics to focus on for the next 2 years - votes are very close going into our last meeting on the 6th June. On our final agenda point the children discussed ways to promote our MSC walk and they included things such as:

- Asking schools to advertise on their websites
- Speaking at different theatres
- Ask more celebrities
- Get some t-shirts
- Ask schools to do their own fundraising

The children were really keen for schools to get involved and raise money themselves so we will be contacting them again. Star of the meeting was Carlo from Orminston park and we finished the day by having a tour around the school.

Next meeting: Tuesday 15th October 2019 - Venue TBC