

MSC meeting
Thursday 15th November 2018
SOUTH ESSEX MEETING MINUTES
10:00 - 11:30

In attendance

Orminston Park
The Pioneer school
Oakview
Active Essex
ECC

Minutes

We started our meeting firstly with Orminston Park and Pioneer school as Oakview were running slightly late. After introductions we asked the children to think about words and themes that we could include in a potential multi-school council song. The children came up with ideas such as Equality, bullying, happy, joyful, words explaining how we are all different, the different things we enjoy and that we should all celebrate our differences. At this point Oakview also joined our meeting. A couple of the Orminston Park pupils also had time to put together a very short rap on all our differences - it was brilliant!

Following our music ideas I gave the children some information about our Art project. Frinton Oasis Café gallery have agreed to host an exhibition of the multi-schools council work in 2019 and we are asking schools to work together to produce pieces of Art. Following the exhibition the work will be displayed in the new Market Field School 'inclusive terrace garden' which will be open to visitors who are part of the multi-schools council. I will be getting in touch with schools to outline a plan of action moving forward. Before we stopped for a break we discussed the 'Walk' that myself and others will be doing from the 1st to the 5th July in 2019. We will walk to 18 special schools in just 5 days to raise awareness and funding towards our council aims. We asked the children for ideas on how we could publicise the walk and raise more funding, ideas included:

- Letters to parents from each school
- Individual fund raising day's at each school
- Different schools represented during the walk
- Word of mouth - Telling a friend who can then tell a friend!
- Put signs up across Essex

All ideas will be considered and taken forward. It was then time for a break and some great snacks!

Following our break I handed out more anti-bullying posters that were produced last year and told the children about our new competition this academic year where we are asking for children to design mental health posters. A winner will then get picked before the end of the academic year and professionally produced. Information will be sent out to all schools in attendance. Holly (our head girl) lead the next part of the meeting, she asked the children to think of ideas on a big new event that we could run following the success of events such as the special school games, our talent show and our community fair to name a few. The group came up with ideas such as developing youth clubs, having a 'designated week' with different events each day, a great school bake off, a swimming event, a comic competition or another sport related competition. Ideas will be taken forward and other groups across Essex will also add their thoughts. We thanked Holly for all her hard work as head girl as this will be her last meeting before we appoint a new head girl come 2019.

I then showed the group a video of our special school games event back in 2016, funded by Active Essex. I asked the group to look at ways to improve that event and they came up with;

- Stalls that sell food, provided by the schools and young people
- To film the event again, pupil lead
- To ensure there was some kind of water based activity
- Have a scoreboard that everyone can see
- Getting a famous face along, linked to sport

These ideas were noted by Active Essex and will form a big part of our games meeting in December. Our last action point was to look at and discuss the website. The website has become out-dated and the children will help to re-design it, hopefully using a more expensive and improved platform. The group said they would like to see improvements such as having more pictures and much more videos, including more inspirational videos, having useful tips on the website and making it more inclusive by using things such as sign language.

We always finish the meeting with a star of the meeting and for this meeting it went to George from Oakview after some quite brilliant ideas

across all points of the agenda. *George* won a banner for his school which advertises the multi-schools council!

Next meeting - January 24th 2019, Oakview school