

MULTI SCHOOLS MEETING

Tuesday 27th March 2012

Minutes

11:15 – After welcoming everybody along to the meeting and making sure we all introduced ourselves to each we got started with the first point on the agenda and discussing what sporting events the pupils would like to see happening in the future as a cluster of schools, there were lots of ideas:

- **Doge ball**
- **Basketball**
- **Golf***
- **Boxing (Fitness)**
- **Volleyball**
- **Tag- Rugby**
- **Football**
- **Basketball**
- **Hockey**
- **Tennis + Squash**
- **Badminton**
- **Fencing**
- **Swimming**
- **Tennis**
- **Squash**
- **Rounder's**

I explained the idea could be as part of our legacy project we combine some of these sports in to 2 or 3 different competitions.

11:30 – Our next point was how we could involve as many people as possible and inspire others to get involved with the London 2012 games. Ideas including making a film, which Nigel who was at the meeting and is currently working on changing perceptions film for us currently and was really excited about this, others chipped in and said we could make a Olympic style stunt which could be posted on you-tube. Other ideas included trying out different sports to find a sport for everyone, having trips to the Olympic stadium and the mountain bike venue, putting signs up around Colchester, different competitions including a day of egg spoon races or a day of hula-hoop relays and including all subjects, especially art where we could design different things to advertise the games.

11:45 – We then went on to talk about one of the most important issues of the agenda and about how schools can help change peoples perceptions towards disability sport. There was a strong feeling that mainstream schools should have opportunity to increase the amount of Paralympics sports they offer in school P.E to show that sports work both ways and every sport should be open to all no matter age, ability or gender. There was a strong feeling that there should be a lot more integration between schools and primary plus secondary schools should

link up a lot more to increase participation in a wide range of sports. Many of the schools really liked this idea and teachers started to make plans between themselves.

12:00 – At 12 we split into two groups, teachers on one table and the pupils on another lead by Ben from Philip Morant School. Their target was to talk about what they would like to see teachers doing in the run up to the games. We started with Nigel talking to the group about the changing perceptions film and how they could all get involved. The feedback from the schools seemed positive with Craig from shore fields saying they would be very interested about getting involved, it was decided that this would be a working progress and that they would need to go back to their respective schools and speak to other staff there. We then discussed individual plans towards the 2012 games:

- Elmstead Primary – A special Olympic week involving parents with an extended sports day.
- Shorefields – They have set up a new house system based on the Olympic and Paralympics values, plan to visit some pre games training camps, will be attending the national school games and have tickets for the Paralympics
- Roach Vale – They have worked on a school global showcase, looking at other countries that will be taking part in the games, invited the mayor to open their Olympic games day, involved local athletes, had special assembly's and created a school working group based around the games
- Thriftwood – They have done a lot of Art based work, plan to include an opening ceremony into their sports day and have a different kind of sports day
- Tendering Tech – They have completed a swimmathon to see if as a collection of students they could swim the distance of Clacton to London and plan to have a torch relay between there two sites
- Philip Morant – Have signed up to sky's living for the sports, have heavily involved the Art department included different sports in inter-house competitions and will be having an Olympic/Paralympics week

12:10 – We then went back to talk as a group and the pupils told us their ideas about what they would like to see us doing in the run up to the games! (A full list to come), before lunch we spoke about legacy ideas and as a group how could we make the most of the Olympics/Paralympics once they have finished. The ideas were absolutely fantastic and included creating a time capsule that we could add something to every year, a closing ceremony between schools in the middle of September, make a memories video with our best bits about the run up to the games, invite athletes in to talk about their experiences, continue to enhance schools curriculums with sport and expand the multi schools council. Also they would like to have a 'year after' the games celebration as a group of schools and continue sports they we may try in the run up to the games.

We then stopped for lunch 12:20.

12:40- After a lovely lunch we went on to speak about the remaining budget we had in the project to buy sports equipment that could be shared across the group and what they would like to see the money spent on. The list included:

- **Fitness Equipment**
- **Disability Equipment i.e. Goal ball, boccia etc**
- **Pay for experts in different sporting fields to come in**
- **Archery equipment**
- **A portable climbing wall**
- **Volleyball equipment**
- **Balance Equipment**
- **Go Karts**
- **Fencing Equipment**
- **Portable Trampolines**
- **Portable Football Goals**

12:50 – I then asked the council if we were lucky enough to gain future funding what would they like the money to be spent on, this produced another list:

- **Trips to the stadium**
- **Exciting sports trips (As a group)**
- **Sports Coaches**
- **Staff Training**

12:55 – Our final point of the day was to discuss what they would like to talk about at the next meeting and at what venue. They would like to ensure that we keep people happy through the run up in the games and ensure we are involving families, set up a rota where by children can go visit other schools for an afternoon in small groups to watch different sporting activities, jack from Elmstead Primary is going to phone Richard Branson and invite him to the next meeting and a range of different venues came up including lords cricket ground, Hadliegh farm (mountain bike centre), Homewood house and Philip Morant school.

I finished by thanking everyone for their brilliant contribution and reminded the group that the next meeting is planned for JUNE 11TH Venue TBC