

Multi School Council Minutes

Friday 6th December 2013

Colchester United

Attended

Market Field School

Hazelmere Junior School

Broomgrove Junior School

Colchester Academy

Minutes

10:30

We started the meeting going round and introducing ourselves so that everyone in the meeting could feel comfortable. I then quickly thanked all the schools for being part of the council and for their hard work during the last academic year which resulted in the community fair, ran by the council.

I explained to the council that we had received 4,100 pounds the organisation GetSet which is funded by the department of education as part of the Olympic and Paralympics legacy. The money will be used to help change negative perceptions towards people with disabilities and ensure we work together as a community to promote inclusion.

10:40

Our first discussion was the idea of a legacy film being made which can be shown to schools and communities promoting equality. The council was asked what they would like the film to include, so that the best bits of their film were shown. The ideas included the following:

- Playtimes
- P.E Lessons
- Trips Out
- Charity events
- Sports Leadership
- Enterprise days
- Singing
- Community Projects
- Christmas productions

- After school clubs
- Competitions
- Lessons
- A joint event
- Artwork
- School meals
- Music

All of these things are what the council identified as being some of the best parts of their schools. From this me and Nigel Campling who will be producing the film will sit down with these ideas and draw up a plan involving some of these ideas and involve all of the schools.

10:55

The next point on the agenda was the idea of an 'inclusion week'. This idea first came up in one of last year's meetings and this project with its funding is the perfect time to make it happen. The council was asked, as a group of schools how we would we put a week were we could try and include as many children within our schools and communities as possible, here were there ideas:

- A joint sports event, with children from different schools mixed up
- A Sponsored walk
- A joint wall of 'Togetherness'
- School open days
- Making food for each other
- Board games competition
- A collection of joint art work
- Multi Schools talent contest – (Including teachers!)
- Culture days
- A massive BBQ
- Child Swaps + Teacher swaps
- Sponsored Silence
- A giant inclusion book
- Record a multi council song
- A PJ day
- Children teach teachers

These ideas will form what will be a fantastic week for everyone! The aim of the week will be to try and include as many children as possible. From this we will try and agree on a week that fits into everyone's diary and which events will be possible for them to do.

11:10

At this point we stopped for a quick break (and to eat some great biscuits!). I thought it was important to add this to the minutes simply because it was fantastic to see all the children integrating, sharing experiences from school and praising each other's ideas. This was my highlight of the meeting.

11:20

As part of inclusion week the plan is to have some kind of sports festival, so I asked the council if we were to hold such an event what they would like to be going on. They again came up with lots of ideas:

- Football
- Hockey
- Basketball
- Tennis
- Kings + Queens
- Rounders
- Xbox/PlaystationFifa tournament
- Boxing skills
- Swimming
- Tug of war
- Badminton
- Volleyball
- Cricket
- Skipping
- Benchball
- Killer
- Athletics
- Wheelchair basketball
- Speed bounce
- Cup stacking
- Judo
- Dancing
- White water rafting

Again with all these ideas it will depend on the facilities we have available and what type of plan I can draw up which will include many different schools with a mixture of schools.

11:35

We skipped point 6 to move onto 7 as time was running out and I wanted to get the council's ideas on how we could get more schools involved, not just with this project but with the council in general. The council came up with some fantastic ideas:

- Do an assembly to other schools
- Send a letter around
- Get them to come to our schools
- Video messages
- Posters
- Advert on schools website
- Newspaper
- Radio
- Through talent contest – Invite schools to watch
- Target head teachers
- Have a multi school's mascot!

The ideas have inspired me so much that I, using the other schools and of course the children playing the most crucial role will ensure all of these idea are tested by at least 1 of the schools that are part of the council. A target is to have at least 10 schools at our next meeting!

11:50

We finished the meeting by discussing once we have the schools on board, how could we go bigger and involve their communities as to change perceptions we need every one possible involved. Ideas included:

- A fair (Again!)
- Coffee mornings
- Get in more volunteers
- A party!
- Bring your career to school
- A website, for everyone!
- Leaflets
- An activity day
- A community bake off
- A massive football game

Once again the council come up with such brilliant ideas and a real 'out of the box' approach was a part of the whole meeting!

Personally it was a privilege to hold such a great meeting and I know that the project will be a great success because of the drive and enthusiasm shown by all at the meeting! The meeting finished at 12pm.

Next meeting: TBC

(Further plans and info on all previous will follow)