The Multi Schools Council Meeting Colchester December 2024- Notes

Attended:

Kingford Academy (Host), Heathlands, St Andrews, St Teresas, Home Farm, St Johns Green

Apologies:

Doucecroft, Lawford, Kingswode Hoe, Copford, Stanway, Myland, Dedham

Thank to everyone who attended the Colchester MSC meeting, it was great to hear so many views of the young people the first item on the agenda was **‘the rights of children and young people’** . We looked through the slides and then the children discussed on their tables if they felt they had the right to the following. There were discussions had and comments made.

* Be Safe – All of the children said that they felt this was something that they had the right too
* The best possible health and wellbeing – All children felt this was something they had the right to and that was being met
* Education and training – While all the children agreed that they did have access to this they also commented that it could be more individualised at times and that there is always room for improvement.
* Be included in my community - Children discussed ways that they were involved in their community such as football clubs, art, netball, trampolining. Another young person explained how he had helped the community with litter picking. Another cyp said that they didn’t feel listened to by adults and not always able to join in.
* Take part in group activities. – All children felt that they could take part in activities and that it is good that it is optional and that your voice should be heard
* Opportunities now and in the future – Children feel that there should be equal opportunities even if the child has diversity challenges they should still have the same chances
* Support and care – All children felt they had this with teachers offering support and them being able to talk to them
* Give my views and be taken seriously – Children felt they had this right and that the meetings gave them the opportunity to do this. Some rules need to be followed but they said they mush always be listened to.

The next topic on the agenda was ideas for a **multi schools council day**, this included ideas of a ‘culture day including different languages’, ‘competitions’ , ‘career day’, ‘being yourself’, ‘tombola people’, ‘telling their experiences’, ‘music’, ‘pyjama day’, ‘assembly on diversity’, ‘wheelchair basket ball’, ‘should be a Friday’, ‘dress as your favourite thing’, ‘more breaks’, ‘sharing hobbies’, ‘be your own style’, ‘nerf fight’, ‘mini workshops to support children who have disagreements’, ‘sharing hobbies’, ‘create posters’,

We then had a break where the schools all socialised and enjoyed the variety of biscuits provided by the host school 😊 (Custard creams were the favourite)

The next agenda item was to discuss ideas on what our meetings should be called and the young people suggested the following.

* Party Group
* Collecting together
* FEM – Fun Exciting Meeting
* School Community Get together
* Everyones a specialist
* Gang MSC
* YTCM – Your thoughts count meeting
* Peoples discovery clan
* The way finders
* School Council Collaborate
* Multi School Chat
* Biscuit Festival
* Biscuit Stealers

The final topic on the agenda was crime and this created a lot of discussion amongst the young people. One young person shared that he was concerned following Trump becoming president. Things that also concerned young people were fear of kidnap, house fires, threats, break ins, knife crime especially seeing statue and all the knifes, no caller id, scams, drugs, unexpected war, being robbed, fighting, false police, kidnapping and internet scams.

Thank you again Colchester MSC meeting, it was great to see you all 😊