

Ambassador meeting 2018/2019

27th September 2018 - Market Field School

4:30pm

In attendance;

Gen

Sam + Matt Plummer

Mason

Connell

Harry + Trev Mayhead

Wendy (Via phone link)

Charlie (Late)

Roles

Firstly, we looked at the roles of all the ambassadors. Everyone was happy with their role. Gen said she would look at adding sponsorship to her role (Kp to add) and Mason's role would replicate the work Harry is doing, plus add awareness around chromosomal disease (Kp to type up).

Ideas moving forward

We discussed ideas around the table on how to grow the council further. Gen and Wendy agreed to share more information at business and network meetings (Kp to send over advertising material/email content). Wendy can hit areas in Colchester, Chelmsford, Braintree and Ipswich (Ws to arrange). The ambassadors running the football group wanted posters made for advertising (Kp to contact Brentwood print). Harry, Connell and Mason would then be in charge of distributing the posters (Cs, Hm and Mm to circulate) with the support of myself (Kp to hand out at MSC meetings). Connell believed that teachers in schools needed more training around SEN which is something we can look at getting more into teacher training programmes (Kp to speak to Gs about contacts). Heading back to the football group Trev feels they are ready to offer this out to the younger children too, they will start this immediately and new letters will go out (Trev to inform parents, Kp to type new letter and Kp to circulate via social media). Sam wanted more leaflets with information on around SEN (Kp to speak to the local offer team). We also discussed the use of Whatsapp to help improve the way we communicate football ideas

(Kp to show Trev how to work it). Matt Plummer will do another piece in the paper about the football club (Mp to write).

Membership

An idea put forward but the children last year was the idea of asking schools to pay a membership fee that shows a commitment to the MSC. At this stage the Ambassadors shared the view this was not necessary and that we would re-visit the idea at a later date.

The walk

The walk was discussed and the Ambassadors were given the dates and route of the walk. All the Ambassadors are committed to walking some of the route. We want to work out who will be walking what by January. Sam had the idea of going into Assemblies and talking about the walk (Kp to send email to schools, Sp to ask Tendering). Trev thinks paper sponsor forms are still a good idea and he is willing to share these (Kp to send out sponsor forms, all ambassadors to try and raise funds). Gen feels we should contact local gyms to support us (Gy to arrange). Mason mentioned contacting Dynamo the magician (Mm to contact). Olly Murs is local and could be approached (Mp to try and contact). Wendy has links to many different celebrities and has a list of those who she wishes to approach, including Col united football team as she lives opposite the training pitch (Ws to contact). Matt also mentioned contacting Southend football club and the Essex cricket team (Mp to approach Southend football and Kp to approach Essex cricket team).

Any other business

We went round the room to collect final ideas. Connell believes we still need a strong focus on mental health (Kp to include this within the development plan, edit). Gen and Wendy need more advertising materials (See above under ideas moving forward). Charlie wants us to focus on the walk, making sure each school really celebrates the walk, getting t-shirts designed and getting buckets for the public to donate in (Kp to organise t-shirts + each school involvement, Cl to look into public buckets).

Close of meeting.