

MSC MEETING

29/04/16

Venue: The Gilberd Secondary School

In attendance

Market Field School
St Joseph's Catholic School
The Rolph primary school
Fordham All saints primary school
Doucecroft
Active Essex
Wendy smith
Shorefields

Minutes

A brief welcome and a couple of apologies from the head boy and head girl who were unable to attend this meeting. A special mention for Olivia who was unable to attend due to collecting an award as part of her work in the multi-schools council and becoming head girl.

We then spent some time discussing the talent show which will be happening at Market Field School on the 1st of July. A reminder to all schools that entries for this event must be handed in by the 20th of May, most schools are holding their own talent shows first. The council were asked to think about who they would like to be a judge on the night and schools came up with a number of nominations from their schools. The children also wanted to invite Sir Bob Russell, the mayor of Colchester and David Walliams as they thought they would make good judges – all will be contacted. The council also agreed that the head boy and girl should be involved in some way or as many children as possible.

We then spoke about what we would like the tickets to look like and agreed that the selling price should be 50p. Many of the children designed their tickets in the meeting, which I have collected and I will use a combination of their ideas to have them created – (this will test my artistic skills!!). Our final point on the talent show was to decide what school will be providing what refreshments on the day and the following was decided;

- Rolph school – Popcorn
- Doucecroft – BBQ (To be arranged)
- Market Field – Fizzy drinks
- Fordham all saints – Smoothies
- The Gilberd – Cakes
- St Joe's – Biscuits

As well as this Fordham suggested parents from each school contributing to the refreshments and everyone liked this idea. A letter template will be given to each school which will provide all the information once all the acts have been handed in by the 20th May.

I then gave a brief update on the MSC packs which will be launched in September. The badges have been ordered, comments have been collected, events are being done and we took photos at today's event. The children have been given a mini-competition to make some posters that will be used in the MSC pack – the deadline for this hand in will be the 4th July at the final MSC meeting of the academic year.

Brian Shaw from Active Essex then spoke with the council about the play unified project which schools from the MSC have been chosen to get involved. Brian praised the council for all the hard work they are currently doing and in return the council also praised Active Essex for all the support they have given the council especially in the last 2 years. The children then discussed ideas on how they would spend the money that has come in through play unified and spoke replicating the community fair event from a few years back, adding more sports to the special school games and have schools host mini-enterprise events that can be taken forward. These ideas could be worked on as a bigger collaboration in the future.

We then stopped for break which was catered by the Gilberd school and everyone enjoyed the biscuits! Following the break we managed to get pictures of everyone as a group and individual schools, this will then form part of the MSC pack but will also be included in the website re-vamp and the brand new MSC app!

The council were then shown the Essex development plans which will be handed out to all schools which demonstrates the scale of the development since 2012. North Essex will remain the hub strand for any future plans and a big congratulations must be given to all the schools involved. A letter with this information will be sent to the department for education highlight the impact this council is having in the Essex area.

Finally we had the official launch of the MSC app! The app which has been designed by PIOTA following various conversations will help spread the word further in terms of breaking down people's perceptions. The children had some ideas on what they would like included in the app like a story page, a weekly challenge and anti-bullying information. This app will help other groups engage with the MSC and take on our ethos.

Due to changes in how the meetings are being run we will now have a star school at the end of each meeting rather than a star student and for this meeting it was Fordham All Saints for their quick integration into this council.

Next meeting: 4TH July 2016 Market Field School