

MSC meeting
Thursday 07th June
MID ESSEX MEETING MINUTES

In attendance

Edith Borthwick
John Ray Junior
John Bunyan
Notley Green
Terling Primary
Richard de Clare
Active Essex
Braintree District Council
Essex County Council
Essex Local Offer

Minutes

We came back to Edith Borthwick School for our final MID Essex meeting of the academic year and we were keen to gain the children's views on a range of subjects. After our introductions we began our Local Offer summer project and took the children's thoughts on the design layout of a children's Local Offer and what it would look like. We included conversations on what should be included within a children's Local Offer and then focused on the key areas they think affect each of them. The children chose to focus on 3 key areas - getting a job, money and home. Plenty of ideas were generated and the Essex Local Offer team will be looking at collating all these ideas together as we move forward in partnership with the multi-schools council.

BREAK - The children had the opportunity to meet a friend and grab a drink and biscuit.

Our first point on the agenda after our summer term project was sports premium money. Schools are in line to receive more money for the next academic year and we asked the children what they would like this money spent on, ideas included;

- Ice rinks
- Trampolines
- Football goals

- Obstacle courses
- Golf equipment
- Basketball hoops
- Air hockey
- Curling
- Horse riding opportunities
- Table tennis
- Boxing equipment

We hope Active Essex can direct schools to these ideas as evidence of what children are actually asking for.

Secondly we spoke about beginning an art project which could help bring schools together and break down perceptions about people with special educational needs. Ideas for art projects included; clay hands, a range of sculptures including schools and people, minecraft designs, a collage of ideas including a range of colours and our logo that could be sent around the schools and added too. Another idea included having art at each meeting with important inclusion messages within. Some truly brilliant ideas!

We then moved on to discussing ideas on our key focus for this term 'supporting refugees in schools'. There was some really deep thinking around this subject and ideas included schools learning different languages to accommodate these children, make sure schools are welcoming and have introductions, give them a buddy, create a safe space for them that looks like their old home's and have an app system where refugees can communicate.

We finished the meeting by reading our MSC book which everyone seemed to enjoy (the book is available to buy on Amazon for £6.99). Star of this meeting was Aimee Jones for some excellent ideas across all the agenda points including a refugee app and using our logo as part of an art project.

Next meeting: Mental health training planned for September 2018