

The multi-schools council
March 8th 2018
SOUTH strand meeting minutes

In attendance

Orminston Park
(Apologies sent by treetops school)
Ruth Sturdy - ECC

Minutes

The first time we have held such a meeting with just one school which gave Orminston a great opportunity to influence our ideas. Our first agenda point was around sponsorship. The children recommended approaching a range of different organisations and some they had direct links too;

- West ham united
- Costa coffee
- Local boxing clubs
- The premier league
- Fencross

These ideas will be followed up and enquires made. Secondly, I gave the children some information about Charlie's ambassador programme which she wants to develop in September. Charlie has had information leaflets professionally produced so that she can get these into schools and look to recruit a range of young people herself. Hopefully some interest from Orminston park.

We then moved on to discussing ideas on our key topic for this term 'Anti-bullying'. A potential idea next year is to hold an Essex wide event to tackle the issue of bullying. The children discussed workshops they would include in event like this and ideas included hearing first-hand from negative bullying experiences, a better understanding of differences workshop and possible a silent disco to encourage togetherness. We also spoke about where the bullying contract that is currently with Market Field School might end up. Ideas on where to place the bullying contract once complete included;

- Town halls

- Big shopping centres
- School receptions

As there was only the one school the children were invited to produce bullying posters at another point and then send them onto myself at Market Field School. The community fair was the next agenda item and the stalls Orminston park would like to see run included a cross bar challenge, bubble football, bungee run, design your own shirt and a giant dance mat. Schools will soon be sent invitations with a suggested lead list which will break up the schools to different events.

I then gave some detail about the local offer summer term project. Orminston park have signed up to one of these workshops and the local offer team will come and look to co-produce some of what is needed to improve the local offer for all young people. Following this Holly (our head girl) lead the meeting and asked the group to give their ideas on increasing the participation numbers of schools involved. There were some fantastic ideas which included producing information leaflets for schools, special assemblies in new schools, improved social media pages, plaques for schools involved and information handed out in our local communities.

We then spoke about ideas that could be used for a potential communication app through the Anna Freud organisation. We promoted our current app which is running really well through PIOTA but what the children want to see is a way of communicating through app's. The children were keen for any potential app to ensure it was accessible for all levels of ability so there were resources for BSL and Makaton and one boy said that we should only work with them if children from deprived backgrounds had free access to the technology that would be available. Building on this idea one girl was very keen for communication between special and mainstream schools to be pushed in their ICT lessons, so that 1 lessons a term was devoted to contacting a special needs schools through a communication too. An idea that came later included using technology to set up Skype sessions where children from special and mainstream schools could ask each other questions. Lots of work to be done in this area but the ideas will be passed onto the relevant people.

Finally, I gave a brief update on the multi-schools council book which is close to completion. More information will follow on the date and venue of the book launch. Before the meeting finished the head of Orminston Park

came down to congratulate the group on their work. He also passed on a special letter to our head girl Holly Clucas. Holly received a letter from their chair of governors congratulating her on her achievement and supporting the work she is doing.

Next meeting; June 28th - Orminston Park