**Minutes**

**Multi-schools meeting – North Secondary**

**12th February 2020**

**In attendance – 42 Children**

Market Field College – Hosts

Clacton County High

TLA

The Colne

St Helena

Doucecroft

Mind

ECC employment team

**Apologies –** Harwich, Philip Morant

**Minutes**

Since our start in 2012 we have developed dramatically in this area and now have so many schools in the North of Essex we need split age groups – so here we were. Our first ever North Secondary meeting and a trend we want to see continue across Essex. We started by discussing global warming and pollution a hot topic for all children currently. They want to help prevent pollution and raise awareness by encouraging better use of transport, more eco clubs in schools, lessons about global warming, assemblies across different schools, a group litter pick, monthly meetings with local businesses about what they are doing and holding them to account, videos to spread awareness and a chance to speak with and influence older generations. These ideas, along with our other group ideas, will be put into a document that will hope will influence local campaigns.

Next on the agenda was the questions from the ECC wellbeing team. They couldn’t make this meeting, but we asked the questions on their behalf and got some interesting views. These views will help influence future services and what’s provided for young people across our county. It was then time for a break and a chance to talk to people from other schools.

After our break we heard from a range of students who applied to be the new head girl or boy for this strand. We heard from Martha, Amber and Ellie for the girls. For the boys we heard from Zakki, William, Chris, Jack and Dom. The group from mind and the ECC employment team helped make the decision and went for Amber from TLA as the new head girl and then Dom from St Helena as the new head boy. Each will take on their different roles straight away, but I want to congratulate everyone who had the bravery to speak.

Our next point was on inclusion. I asked the group to think about how schools could be more inclusive, and ideas included;

* More peer to peer support
* Every school should have an ‘inclusive hub’
* Think about clubs carefully so not to exclude or discriminate
* Ask more questions to our young people
* Give everyone a sense of belonging in their school
* More school to school collaboration to promote differences

Our final agenda point was to look at local clubs and what children would want from a potential new youth zone. Some really good ideas included;

* The age should go up to 21 so more children with SEND can access the club
* Learning spaces for things children want to learn more about
* Relaxation areas
* Sensory rooms
* Music space
* Ensure it is a multi-faith area
* Yoga
* Make sure there are councillors on site
* Echo warriors’ section
* Media

These ideas will be sent to Global 4 who are looking at proposals for a new youth centre in this area. We finished the meeting in the same way as usual and chose our star of the meeting. This went to Zakki from the Colne for speaking in a very mature way about each issue and talking clearly about equality and how much more things should just be second nature currently.

Next meeting – **Thursday 30th June, 10:30am – 12pm, Venue TBC**

**Follow up points**

* **Entries for the talent show, deadline 6th March**
* **Can you write some letters to local businesses to stop polluting?**
* **Can you make a school video to stop pollution?**
* **Could you encourage another school or college to attend the next meeting?**