**Minutes**

**Multi-schools meeting – SOUTH**

**6th March 2020**

**In attendance – 14 Children**

Oakview – hosts

**Apologies –** Wickford primary, Pioneer, Merrylands, Bardfield Academy, Noak Bridge, Beachamps, Crays Hill, Ramsden Hall, Broomfords, ECC SEND team, ECC employment team, ECC wellbeing team

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A much smaller SOUTH meeting than we were expecting due to schools getting lost or heading to different schools but as always Oakview were fantastic in their responses. After introductions we played the multi-schools council song which got a big thumbs up from everyone in the room.

We focused first on emotional well-being and what it meant to the young people involved. The children first spoke about the things they like doing that make them feel positive and they then focused on who they would talk to if they needed to talk to someone. Some very good answers and all feedback will be handed back to the ECC wellbeing team who sent their apologies.

It is very clear we still have some work to do in the SOUTH of Essex to increase the involvement of schools as ultimately if they are not involved, we can’t hear their ideas. The group came up with different ways to get more schools involved. These included;

* Get schools to approach schools that are right near them
* More reminders to schools
* Children to produce invitations on why they should come
* Include a game at the next meeting
* Send them a singing and dancing message

Some positive ideas and we will work with Oakview to ensure the next meeting at Pioneer schools is much better attended. We then had time to listen to our song once more, enjoy some drinks and biscuits and have a photo with our banner!

Next meeting – **Tuesday 9th June, 10am – 11:30am, Pioneer School**

**Follow up points**

* **Could you host a non-uniform day to raise money for the multi-schools?**
* **Poster competition – can you design a poster all about the multi-schools?**
* **Could you write an invitation to schools that are near you to get them along to our next meeting?**