**Minutes**

**Multi-schools meeting - Tendring**

**Wednesday 29th January 2020**

**In attendance – 60 children**

Holland Haven – Hosts

Shorefields

Rolph primary

ECC wellbeing team

Harwich Primary

Holland parkx2

Burrsvielle infants

Kirby Academy

Alsford

Market Field

ECC SEND team

Alton park

**Apologies –** Two village primary, The grow, St Georges (attending Colchester one), Colne (Yr 7’s), Broomgrove

**Minutes**

Since our last meeting we have had to split our North section even further to separate the primary and secondary schools as at our last meeting we had over 100 children! This was still a very well attended meeting and it was great to see so many happy faces!

We started our meeting with some feedback from the last meeting. Well done to Holland Park who will receive a special certificate at the next meeting for including information about the multi-school’s council on their website! We have more challenges for your schools at the end of these minutes. We also reminded schools in this area that we will be hosting a special talent show on Friday May 1st at Market Field school and each school can enter 1 act to perform at this show. The deadline for entries is Friday 6th March!

After all that we then started on our first agenda question which was all about how to improve awareness of global warming and reduce pollution. A range of ideas included;

* Posters to be circulated about global warming/pollution
* To plant more trees in schools
* For schools to investigate the eco-brick system
* Create things out of rubbish and sell them
* Have more food waste bins
* Do assemblies about awareness of global warming/pollution
* Encourage each school to have eco-warriors
* Encourage more ‘Eco friendly ways’ of traveling to school

Some fantastic ideas here which will be included in our actions for schools in the list below. It will also help inform our next county wide event that will be planned for September 2020!

Lianne from ECC then spoke to the group about mental health and took some feedback. Mental health has been identified as a key issue for the multi-schools to continue discussing and this feedback will then be given to the Essex wellbeing board which will help direct and commission services for young people – so you are making a real difference! We then stopped for our break but immediately following our break we watched the multi-school’s council song ‘All stand strong’ which got a warm round of applause from everyone!

It was then time to hear some speeches! We were looking for a new head girl and a new head boy. We had 4 nominations, for the girls two wonderful speeches by Melody and Alina. Followed by 2 brilliant boys with some cool haircuts too, Logan and Declan. What a very hard decision it was, and it could have easily gone to any of them but our new head girl and head boy for Tendring will be Melody and Declan from Rolph primary and Harwich primary respectively. Well done to all who spoke out!

It was then time for a couple more points on our agenda. We asked the group what they felt schools could do more of to help children feel included. A range of ideas followed;

* More inclusive sports
* More work on encouraging friendship groups
* Words such as kindness and equality to be used more
* More school trips
* Asking the children more in their own schools
* More chances to perform talents

The feedback here will be used as part of a good practice seekers project but also as a good reminder to all of us about our own school environments!

Our final point on the agenda (different from what was written but we can do different!) was on sports premium money. I asked the children to imagine they oversaw this money and to think about what they would spend it on. We did have a long list of sports, but it also included ideas like; having more trampolines in schools, more club opportunities, basketball nets, rock climbing or climbing equipment, sports groups from outside coming in, more gymnastics equipment and more guidance on how to keep healthy. These ideas will be given to Active Essex and available for all schools to view.

At the end of the meeting we always finish in the same way and it was a chance to reveal the star of the meeting. Always such a tight decision but the star of the meeting went to Alina from Holland Park who had not prepared a speech or anything for the meeting but spoke well and also contributed throughout the meeting!

Next meeting – **Friday 26th June, 10am – 11:30am, Venue TBC**

**Follow up points**

* **For the next meeting could you invite schools close to you and share transport?**
* **Poster competition – To design a poster all about the multi-school meetings. To be handed in at the next meeting. Winner to be professionally produced.**
* **Can you add some information on your website/class dojo about what we are doing?**
* **Could you hold a PJ day/Silly sock day to raise money for us and promote differences?**
* **Will you enter anyone for the talent show – deadline 6th March**
* **Can you do any of the ideas from the global warming/pollution question?**
* **Can you create a friendship group at school?**
* **Can you listen to and learn our song ‘All stand strong’ -** [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xE7SyzrSU5g**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xE7SyzrSU5g)