**Minutes**

**Multi-schools meeting – WEST ESSEX**

**Wednesday 5th February 2020**

**In attendance – 26 Children**

Wells park – Hosts

ECC wellbeing team

ECC SEND team

The Endeavour

Cooks spinney

Brightside

ECC employment team

Active Essex

**Apologies –** Fawberrt primary, Birchanger primary, TAP aspire academy, West Horndon, Grove House, Holy Cross primary, Anderson school

**Minutes**

So here we were with another MSC meeting in the WEST of Essex! We started a little bit late but once we covered the feedback and certificates from the last meeting there was no stopping them! The Endeavour school will get a certificate at the next meeting for excellent work on listening to children’s sport choices in school and creating more opportunities via their own survey! Great stuff.

Our first point covered global warming and pollution. The children were asked what we could do and the ideas ranged from better use of cars, pictures of animals harmed by pollution on local bins, schools to cut down on plastic use, more advice on what people should be doing at a younger age, banning plastic bags in schools! All these ideas will be taken forward and considered! The group then listened and spoke with the Essex wellbeing team and it was interesting to hear their views on subjects linked to mental health. These comments will influence new commissioning work!

We then stopped for a break and lots of biscuits!! After our break we gave the opportunity to both girls and boys who would like to stand for head girl or boy in the WEST of Essex! After some fantastic speeches I am really pleased to announce Taryn from Brightside as our new head girl and Jake from Wells park as our new head boy! Everyone involved was very brave and I am sure they will continue to be involved too. I then asked the group to think about how schools could be more inclusive, and they said the following;

* More encouragement
* Ensure children aren’t left alone
* Encourage time with different people
* Ensure children with special needs are always included in everything
* Ensure schools have a buddy bench

The ideas here will influence the growth of our good practice seekers project!

It was then time to focus back on school sport and what the group would like to see their school money spent on. We had things such as Archery equipment, darts, Hockey, more throwing and catching equipment, sports uniform, specialised and adapted equipment and making sure there are votes in schools to ensure the children have a say (just like we are doing here) which was very popular. Our final point was to discuss how we could engage more schools in the WEST. Currently, we have a split across Essex with our WEST and SOUTH strands getting left behind. Here is what the children thought we could do;

* More assemblies about the MSC in other schools
* A promotional video or record a meeting
* Visit schools in the WEST and get them to sign
* Have a community event involving fireworks!
* Have a trailer all about the MSC
* Write to other schools

We will be working hard in the summer term to action these ideas!

Our star for this meeting was Darvid from Cooks Spinney who not only gave a speech but also spoke positively and enthusiastically on each discussion point. A positive meeting and one that I hope will inspire others.

Next meeting – **Friday 12th June, 10am – 11:30am, Cooks spinney primary**

**Follow up points**

* **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 get plastic bags banned from your school?**
* **Can you get/use a buddy bench in school?**
* **Can you deliver an assembly about the multi-schools to another school?**
* **Could you write to another school to get them to join in?**
* **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)