

Multi School Council Minutes

Monday 25th February 2013

Attended

Market Field School council

Hazelmere School council

10:45am

Mr Pearce welcomed everyone to the council and everybody introduced themselves. There was a brief discussion about the 2012 Olympic games and the legacy we hope to build from it. Mr Pearce asked the council to watch a short DVD clip from a film made last year based on changing people's perceptions about children with disabilities.

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After watching the clip the council started to discuss how we could create a lasting legacy between a cluster of schools. A common idea that came up was the idea of goal setting. Many of the children believed it would be a great idea to get every child in the schools involved in our council to set themselves a goal. The idea was developed further by Alfie from Hazelmere school who suggested that we shouldn't just have one goal but a set of goals that as a group we could then help each other. Charlie from Market Field suggested going into different schools and meeting new people, she thought it would be a great idea if schools could get involved together with sports like dancing. Hayden said if as council we are going to be noticed then we need to be unique, he suggested asking schools involved to complete questionnaires about the type of sports they offer and if as a group we can share new experiences with each other. Alfie thinks once up and running as a successful council we could have a joint Olympic games. Other ideas included introducing golf football, an Olympic party, and introducing new sports such as squash, seated volleyball and the possibility of shooting at controlled venues.

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The next point the council were asked to think about was how we could further our work in changing people's perceptions towards disability. Charlie thinks we can get support for this by using the media. Charlie suggested using an ad in the paper explaining our work, get some of our events filmed and try to find sources of funding to help us with this. Leah and Beppe both came up with the idea of getting people to see how it feels in different peoples shoes. The idea suggested was for children to spend a day in a wheelchair or something similar. Alfie would like to see evidence of our work in the future on school websites, even if it was just something like 'We are committed to changing people's perceptions about disabilities' on the homepage. The idea could be developed by a multi

schools council website. Then Charlie came up with a fantastic point. Charlie from Market Field who spoke about how she has to look after her sister because she is autistic and struggles with speech but that if it weren't for her not many people would know how to deal with her sister. It was agreed by the council that schools don't do enough to educate young people about children with learning difficulties or disabilities and that this should be part of the national curriculum. So the idea is to write a letter to the David Cameron and ask if this is something that could be looked at.

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As time was running over we decided to put together the final two points. As a council we believed the next step to us moving forward is to get more schools involved but how could we do this. Karla thinks that we should get children from the council to directly meet with head teachers from schools not yet involved in the council. Alfie thinks emails are the way forward and we should encourage pupil swaps between schools for a day. Hayden would like another video made on the progress of changing perceptions and Joe suggested pupils who have links with their old schools could ask them to get involved and we could write to the council about starting some kind of art project in the area expressing our work. The final idea was that we think we should be filming our council meetings and show schools what they are missing out on.

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Mr Pearce thanked everyone for attending and told the council how brilliant they had all done. Mr Pearce said Charlie from Market Field and Alfie from Hazelmere were stars of the council in this meeting. No date for the next meeting was set as yet.