<u>The Multi-Schools Council</u> <u>Minutes – 07th October 2015</u> Market Field School

In Attendance
Shorefields
Market Field
Doucecroft
St Joes Primary
Hazelmere School
Rolph School
Active Essex
Wendy Smith

Apologies

Fordham All saints
The Gilberd School
The Colne Community school
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Minutes

Our first meeting of the year welcomed some new schools to our council. The council is continuing to grow and the work that is being done is amazing. The council's first point on the agenda was the multi-school council packs which we are hoping to launch in September 2016. The council would like to include a number of things in these pack including comments about the council, badges/bands for council members, information on what we do, upcoming events, photos and posters that can go round the respective schools. These ideas will be taken forward and we hope to have a pack template in place by a 3rd multi-schools meeting.

While the council is moving forward with some potential funding opportunities the school wanted to look at how we could do some self-funding. This question generated lots of fantastic ideas, here are a few:

- A MSC raffle
- A talent show (Doucecroft)
- Sponsored walk/run
- Sponsored bounce

The ideas for sponsorship will be taken forward and planned in line with what other schools agree. We hope to arrange an annual sponsorship event which can be worked on and developed starting in 2016.

After all the great ideas, it was time for a break, once again the food and drink was supplied by Miss Coe.

Straight from the break we introduced our special guest for the day, Wendy Smith who last year was voted to become the MSC ambassador because of the great work she has already done. Wendy gladly accepted and spoke of her

admiration for the work that is being done by all the children involved. Wendy will continue to work with the council and her links, ideas and enthusiasm will be invaluable to the development of the council.

Next we took a vote on the idea of having a head boy and a head girl of the council. This idea has been bubbling for some while now and the council voted yes to having this idea put into place. A draft plan of what the role will involve will be drawn up and we hope by the next meeting we will have an idea in place so that it can happen and they can start to influence even more decisions.

As much as we love our new building here at MFS we thought it only fair that other schools get the opportunity to host meetings if they wish. All the children wanted their school to host a meeting (as I thought!) so an email will go out with the pre-set dates and schools will be able to host one of the meetings on a first come, first serve base. If no other schools are able to host the meetings we at MFS will host them.

I then gave a brief update on the planned MSC tea party. Plans are drawn up, the ideas have been shared and we are just waiting for the money to come through with a view of having a tea party around may/june for those schools involved. We hope to confirm a date by January 2016.

A late point for the agenda from Active Essex was the possibility of having a £400 grant to use on a girls inspired project within education. The council came up with some fantastic ideas and Emily, who was present at the meeting and working for active Essex made notes on the children's ideas. I will follow these notes up with active Essex and any future ideas will be discussed and planned where possible.

Before we left for the day schools were given the website address: www.multischoolscouncil.org.uk and the twitter account: @KP_MSC for the MSC council. Those schools that could stay were then given a tour around the new school and the behaviour demonstrated by all was absolutely fantastic!

Star pupil for this meeting was Megan from Shorefields for some wonderful ideas about the council pack and sponsorship.

Next meeting: January 14th Venue TBC