

THE MULTI SCHOOLS COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

22/10/2014

In attendance

Market Field School
Active Essex
Project Ability
YEA
The Gilberd School
Shorefields School
Colne Community School
Panathlon

Minutes

10:40

The meeting begin with an update on the multi-schools council website. The website was an idea that arose from our meeting in May and is in the early stages of development – <http://kierranpearce.wix.com/multischoolscouncil>.

I explained to the council that I am no IT wizard so I would need their ideas on how to improve it. The council wanted a website that gave a small description about each school involved. The Gilbertschool insisted the website was kept simple and easy to read. We also discussed the idea of having more videos on the website and a section where pupils could add blogs. **The council and myself included felt that for the website to reach the next stage of development we shall get a professional in to help us! – In the process**

10:50

Our second focus point on this agenda was the specialist school games that will run on Friday 12th June at Basildon Sporting Village. The format of the games will be decided by early December but the children were asked what sports they would like to see going on at this event, the list included:

- Wheelchair basketball/football
- Cricket
- New age Kurling
- Swimming
- Seated Volleyball
- Cycling
- Rounders
- Rugby
- Badminton
- Table tennis
- Table Cricket
- Goalball

- Athletics events
- Handball

The event would also have an element of different activities to make the day enjoyable and these included dancers, treasure hunts, Frisbee Golf and cycling. **Draft plans for the event will be drawn up in the coming weeks, finalised in December and then delegation of activities will be done at the next meeting. - Ongoing**

11:10

The council wants to 'up' the profile of the kind of things we are doing to help break down perceptions of children with disabilities or special educational needs. The council would like to use Newspapers to spread the word about the sports event in June. Leaflets to get more schools involved with the council were also discussed along with inviting sky sports to our event in June. The council also wants to include messages over the radio and have a YouTube link so that different children can see what we are doing. **All schools agreed that posters should also be made describing what the Multi-Schools Council is all about. - ongoing**

11:20

We had a short break so that children from each school could interact with each other and enjoy the biscuits on offer!!

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After our break Rhona from the Young Essex Assembly spoke to council about opportunities to get involved with the YEA. The council was reminded that deadlines for applying for the YEA are fast approaching but that it offers great opportunities for young people in Essex to express their views and provides a stepping stone towards parliament.

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Finally we discussed the idea of creating a Multi Council Logo that could be used on our press releases. Ideas included two shaking hands to show how all are working together, smiles faces with sports signs involved and paper chase people showing different abilities in different colours. Different designs will be looked at and then chosen by the Council as a group.

Before we left, the council had a picture that will be on the website and I choose James from Shorefieldsschool as the Star of this meeting for some great ideas about the website.

The next meeting is arranged for **Monday 9th February 10:30am – 12pm at Market Field School.**