

THE MULTI SCHOOLS COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 1ST 2015
MARKET FIELD SCHOOL

In attendance

The Gilberd School
Philip Morant School
Market Field School
The Rolph School
Active Essex
Disability 4 sport

Minutes

10:40

The first couple of points on the agenda covered a series of updates. First of those being the multi-schools logo. The logo is now being used and circulated amongst anything that involves the multi-schools council and is an example of the work achieved by all. Positive feedback from all those involved. Secondly each school got a copy of the letter response from Price Harry. Unfortunately he is unable to attend the special school games on this occasion but we are happy to have received recognition for the letter which was sent on the council's behalf. It was suggested that we also try Prince William but he may be slightly busy with the imminent birth of his new son or daughter. Thirdly the council was given an update on the specialist school games on June the 12th at the Basildon sporting village. The event has already been earmarked as an event for next year's school calendar which just shows the power of the council's ideas. Young leaders training is currently being arranged in those schools supporting and everyone agreed that the planning stage has gone really well!

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Next we moved on to our discussion about a proposed Primary tea party at the new Market Field School. Draft plans have been written and we look to invite a number of Primary schools to make up the day. I asked the council to come up with ideas of activities they would like to see throughout the day. The ideas included a 1 mile run around the school field, face painting, team building activities, special races, bouncy castles and traditional tea party games. These ideas will be looked at further in the summer term and invites sent out in line with the ideas which came from the 'getting more schools involved' agenda item (see below).

11:05

This was time for a break. A special mention to the Gilberd school who were a massive hit with the children at Market field and interacted fantastically with everyone. It was great to see people getting on so well (it's what the council is all about!).

Also a big thank you again to Mrs Coe who provided the refreshments, which disappeared in record time!

11:15

We then moved on to a key agenda item which was the council development plans. It was made clear how the multi school council represents all the children from all the schools involved and so their ideas how to make the council even better will be written into a substantial plan this summer with the view of expanding the council.

There were many ideas which included:

- Focus on all areas of education not just sport
- Involve the media as much as possible
- Joint after school clubs
- Presentations at other schools
- Fund raise
- Social media
- Awareness events
- School swaps
- Get staff talking about it

Abigail from disability 4 sport also mentioned the possibility of getting involved in school cluster meetings to raise the profile further and really drive forward the aim of breaking down negative perceptions about children with disabilities or educational needs. The plan will be produced by September 2015 and worked upon within the next academic year.

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A very key point and one we come to each year is how to get more schools involved. With an imminent development plan it will give the council a clear direction but for this to work the council agreed more schools need to be on-board. Ideas included going in to other schools, social events, share charity events, sponsorship and the media. It was also mentioned about Mr Smith getting in touch with some other head teachers about what we do. There was a true commitment from all those currently involved in the council to make this happen and this will be a growing movement, which will be successful and will make a difference!

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Finally Abigail from Disability 4 sport spoke about the opportunities they provide. The soccability events which are supported by Essex FA and are looking to get more schools involved. A link to their web page is on the multi schools website which is <http://www.multischoolscouncil.org.uk/>.

The star of this council meeting was Niamh T from Market Field School, for her great thoughts about the council development plans and getting more schools involved.

Next meeting: TBC (Academic year 2015/2016)