**Minutes**

**Multi-schools meeting – Basildon**

**Friday 20th November**

**Virtual meeting**

**In attendance**

Glenwood

Orminston Park

Janet Duke primary

ECC Employment team

**Apologies –** Cherry tree, Ramsden Hall, Bromfords, Lincewood, Wickford primary, Noak Bridge, St Joseph the worker, North Crescent, Crays Hill, Mountnessing, Our Lady of Random, St Peters, Montgomerie, Northlands, Holt farm, Castledon

**Minutes**

There were a long list of apologies for this meeting unfortunately, some forced due to positive Covid-19 tests and others with technical difficulties. However, like our MID secondary meeting last week it gave a further opportunity to the children who did attend. Some new faces on the screen too! We started with the Essex employment team talking about job opportunities. The group were asked to think about their dream jobs which resulted in;

* Decorators
* Fisherman
* Barbers
* Bankers
* Working in a school
* Author

Building on these ideas the group were asked to discuss their favourite hobbies. This include a lot of sport such as football, dancing and athletics as well as Lego building and helping pets. The employment team will be working with local business’s and schools to help link all this together.

I then asked the group to talk about Covid-19. I asked what was challenging but may also have helped them. Challenges included not seeing all their friends or family, not being able to visit favourite shops or restaurants and work could be harder due to a lack of support in schools. Positives were things link being able to relax during lockdown away from school, spending more quality time with family and less emphasis on work. As the group were working so well, I finished the first part of the meeting by making notes on what are the important issues to them all right now. Most of the conversation was taken up by pollution but also the importance of technology for young people especially now to keep them connected.

We had a good break which was the followed up by the POET survey presentation. Unfortunately, the Essex SEND team were unable to join this meeting too, so I also took this part. It was a two-part question, firstly what the schools are doing well to support children to reach their outcomes but also what more they could be doing;

* Good trips into the community, these are working well
* Small classes sizes positive
* Maths should be more relatable to real life, things we need to know like housing etc
* More life skills in school generally
* More carers advice needed at a younger age
* More trips into the community
* Work more on building friendships
* Curriculum content could be more current to get us thinking more about jobs
* We have good sport opportunities in school to help us reach targets

A good extensive list there which will get given to the SEND team but could also form part of individual discussions in schools.

I finished by talking about an awards event we want to host. We want to recognise the schools making the biggest contribution towards the multi-school’s network, but we want the children to come up with the categories. Ideas for what the awards could be given for included, individual progress awards, helper award, best life skills curriculum award, friendship award, best school trips award, a happy school award and a sport related award. Ideas will be discussed by our ambassadors.

Picking a star for this meeting was difficult. Very close to the award was Charlie from Janet Duke for some clear speaking throughout and building on different ideas. However, Freddy, from Glenwood, just managed to get star of the meeting for his ideas on the employment section and talking about the importance of helping others which is key now more than ever! Well done to all those who attended.

Next meeting – Monday 15th March (Virtual)

**Follow up points**

* **It was a challenge to hear everyone due to it being virtual – please email over any follow up points by December 2020.**
* **How do you share this with the rest of your school – let us know!?**
* **Can you put in place any of the outcome ideas from the POET discussion?**