**Multi School Council Meeting 16th May 2023 Minutes**

**Host School Holland Haven – a massive thank you to them!**

**Present**

Millfields

Shorefields

Great Clacton – J Humphries Asst. SENco

Holland Park

Chase Lane

Spring Meadow

Thank you so much to all of you for attending – what a great turn out and so many positive and fantastic contributions from the young people attending!

**Deaf Awareness feedback – ideas for school**

* Lessons in sign language – and braille to show awareness of blind/partially sighted
* Have a day celebrating deaf awareness
* Raise money for deaf society through cake sale
* Use subtitles on YouTube clips and films etc
* Have a sign language club
* Be respectful

**Behaviour in schools – what works well and what could be improved**

* Well-being champions used in one school to help support those that are struggling
* THRIVE used in a school to build social and emotional skills
* Calm Zone in schools – ‘turn a bad day upside down’

**Ideas to improve – many felt poor behaviour comes from worry and anxiety**

* Have time slots allocated where you could write your worries on a bit of paper and fill a worry box that the teacher could look at so they could offer strategies and support
* Have a class ‘worry jar’ – fill it and bury it and dig it up a year later to see how far you have come and see if anyone still needs support
* Concern box in every class
* Sensory/calm down corner in every class
* Break room – calm zone for people who are overwhelmed
* A ‘safe group’ in each year who help with support – based in a room at break and lunch where you can go and relax
* Therapy teachers
* Regular brain breaks
* Worry buddy – each person to buddy up and be each other’s worry buddy for support
* Therapy dogs
* Worry pots that you swap with your worry buddy at the end of the term so you can understand how and if your buddy is still struggling in some areas

**Global Warming- what more could adults and communities be doing?**

* Less pollution
* Larger bins around school
* Limits put on petrol and gas usage
* More bird houses and bug houses in urban areas
* Less plastic – use more glass as that can be recycled
* ALL schools should be recycling plastic
* Walk rather than drive or carpool wherever possible
* Solar panels on ALL schools with appropriate funding from the government
* Schools could litter pick in community areas
* Community beach/urban clear ups
* Videos about upcycling on Social Media
* More awareness on TV and in newspapers about sea pollution and micro plastics
* More camera coverage on roads to catch litterers and fly tippers
* More vegetable patches in private properties to grow own produce
* A planting trees competition
* More compost bins to be used in private houses and at school
* More investment in hydro powered technology
* More and cheaper and more efficient electric cars to be made and used
* More money invested to get rid of micro plastics

**Ideas for future agendas**

* Free lunches for all primary school pupils
* Fund raising and charity work
* Bullying
* Discuss disabilities
* Anxiety
* Cost of living crisis
* Social media issues
* Hormonal awareness year 5/6
* Racism
* Recycling in schools
* Communication skills

**A big thank you to all – you were all fabulous! Our star of the day goes to |Edie from Holland Haven for her amazing contributions!!**

**Some of you expressed an interest in becoming Multi School Council Ambassadors which is super – we will be getting in touch with you shortly 😊**

**If you would like to host any of the further meetings please let me know!**

**Dates of next meetings**

**Tendring –** **Thursday 5th October, Friday 8th December, Wednesday 7th February, Monday 18th March, Thursday 16th May, Tuesday 2nd July**

