**Multi School Council minutes. North Secondary. May 23**

Present

Clacton County High School

Colne High School

A big thank you to Clacton High for hosting us and a massive thank you to all the young people who took part. It was very brave of you all to work with people you didn’t know and I was impressed with your mature attitudes and your fantastic ideas.

Deaf Awareness – ideas to raise the profile in schools

* Learn sign language
* Look into careers that support deaf awareness
* In music lessons do more to ‘feel the music’ rather than just listening
* Simulation – being deaf for the day to gain a greater insight – wear ear defenders/noise cancelling headphones
* Do lip reading/lip synching activities
* Look into careers of deaf interpreters
* Add subtitles to all videos shown in assembly
* Send lesson slides out after lessons to aid those who are hearing impaired
* Sign language club
* Room numbers in braille on wall next to door for visually impaired

Behaviour in schools – what works and what can be improved

* Good pastoral team with easy access
* Bullying crackdown with far harsher sanctions has significantly lowered cases of bullying at Colne High School
* Detentions are also down due to behaviour policy
* ARC rewards at Colne need to have more investment
* SLT on toilet duty has made toilet situation better – vaping down
* Improved behaviour policy makes warnings more clear for students
* At Clacton many make use of the updated outside space which is good for mental health
* School exchanges – class exchanges for a day to another school to learn
* More up to date technology to be used to create better focus from students
* Have an activities week with choice for pupils – something to work towards
* More open conversations with teachers
* One school had a breakfast award for the best class attendance every half term which was popular
* Golden tickets awarded for attendance meaning queue jumping reward for lunch
* More subject specialists and less sub teachers – this was felt to be a real problem
* Positive trips for good behaviour
* Too much emphasis on negative and not enough on positive
* Postcards to be sent home more regularly for good behaviour
* Listening ear for chats – pastoral often only deal with the really bad issues
* Bubble room – a quiet space to de-stress and re-regulate
* Vape detectors in toilets for health

Global warming – what more can adults and communities do?

* Stop all single use plastics
* Eco club at school needs greater investment and advertising
* Walk/bike to school week with reward
* ‘Beat the Street’ competition
* More recycling bins in the community and at school
* Solar panels in schools
* Use less paper
* School spaces used to grow produce
* Beach clean up once a month with school community
* Improve heating systems in schools to avoid wastage

Next agenda items

* Is uniform necessary
* School dinners – more options
* PSHE in secondary should be more focussed on moving towards adulthood
* Cultures and ethnicities
* Medical conditions
* Mental health/anxiety
* LGBTQ+

Some fantastic ideas here and lots of topics up for discussion on the next agenda. If anyone could host next time please do let us know!

**North Secondary –** Wednesday 4th October, Tuesday 5th December, Friday 9th February, Thursday 21st March, Wednesday 15th May, Thursday 4th July

We understand that some meetings may be hard to get to, especially as there are now more meetings. The children have suggested **virtual meetings** to support this and the dates/times of these are below.

Friday 6th October 10am – 11am

Tuesday 10th October 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Thursday 12th October 2pm – 3pm

Friday 1st December 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Thursday 7th December 10am – 11am

Monday 11th December 2pm – 3pm

Tuesday 6th February 10am – 11am

Monday 12th February 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Friday 15th March – 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Friday 22nd March – 10am – 11am

Tuesday 26th March – 2pm – 3pm

Monday 13th May – 1:30pm – 2:30pm

