

Minutes of Comenius Partnership Meeting

Austria

March 8th 2012

1. General Comments:

- Can you supply all email addresses to Nick Langmead @ Braunton (Nlangmead@braunton.devon.sch.uk) so that we can get all teachers and students enrolled onto the NING.
- The exchange of gifts was a partial success. Do we need to discuss the procedure of giving gifts at the UK meeting in June?
- 12-17th June 2012 UK Hosting. This will now be the only UK project meeting as we have welcomed Norway onto the Project since outlines were agreed in Paris in September 2011. The new project meeting schedule is outlined later.
- It was agreed that Comenius should be integral to the curriculum delivered in each school.

2. New Project meeting Schedule:

- With Norway now being onboard the project meeting schedule agreed in Paris (Sept 2011) has been amended to read as follows:
 - 12-17 June 2012 – UK
 - 16-21 Oct 2012 – Paris – Ville du Bois
 - 9-16 March 2013 – Martinique
 - 14-19 May 2013 Norway (This incorporates Norway National Day on 17/5)

The meeting scheduled for 11-16 June 2013 to Pilton has been taken out of the schedule.

ACTION – All Partners to be aware of above.

3. UK Hosting 12 – 17 June 2012

- Braunton and Pilton will jointly host the project meeting.
- All partners will fly into London and stay overnight in the capital. Braunton and Pilton with student representatives will drive to London on Tuesday 12th June.
- All partners will take part in an Olympic Tour of the new stadia and any associated resources.
- Pilton and Braunton between them can host up to 30 students in home exchanges. Therefore the agreed breakdown is as follows:
 - NORWAY – 6 Students & 3 Staff
 - AUSTRIA – 6 Students & 3 Staff
 - MARTINIQUE – 6 Students & 2 Staff
 - PARIS – 5 Students (2 SEN and 1 staff) & 3 Staff (Accommodation for these students needs to be considered immediately)
- Flights will need to be organised so that all partners reach London by Tuesday lunchtime.
- All partners will travel to Devon on Wednesday 13th June.
- Braunton will host an 'Olympics' during one of the days in school.
- Other possible activities to include surfing, cricket, triathlon.
- It was raised that there could be a cultural day maybe on the Saturday which could be family led. Suggestions included potholing, Wookey Hole, Bath or Jane Austen.

- It was agreed that all students are to create a presentation on their Olympic hopes for their country. Braunton and Pilton will ensure that resources (ICT, audio, visual) are available to complete. Suggestions were made that these presentations be done in mixed partner groups.

ACTION-

All Partners to fly to London for lunchtime on Tues 12 June 2012

All Partners to arrange numbers of students and staff as outlined

Paris (La Ville du Bois) to inform Braunton / Pilton of needs regarding SEN students and staff as soon as possible.

Braunton & Pilton to draft arrangements for June 2012 project meeting

4. Going for Gold – The theme

- All partners felt that the theme of the project was integrated with both staff and students.
- Austria agreed to carry out a questionnaire looking at the successes and future targets of the Comenius project, with an evaluation to be carried out within a month after – target the Monday after Easter Holidays (16th April – UK date).
- Student’s video diaries of their time in Austria to be uploaded to the NING as soon as possible.
- Discussion was held regarding the NING and its effectiveness. It was felt that it wasn’t ideal yet although it does encourage students to mix and communicate.
- Some partners felt that the NING was ‘facebook for old people’ and may not evidence all the contact that had taken place.
- All partners agreed to carry on with NING use with regard to health and safety issues with young pupils in schools.
- Question was raised as to how / who had paid for the NING and when partners should contribute.
- Not all schools have managed to get their pupils onto the NING successfully.

ACTION-

Austria to carry out questionnaire and evaluation.

All partners to ensure pupils upload their completed video diaries to NING.

UK to incorporate a NING training session again.

All partners to ensure Nick Langmead has pupil and staff email addresses for NING invite.

Braunton to bill partners at UK 2012 project meeting for NING payment.

5. New Project 2013-15

- A discussion was had about how many schools make up the optimum number.
- All partners felt the size of the group was good but would welcome new schools as all students should have the opportunity to travel and spread the Comenius word.
- Partners were advised to explore individual Comenius programmes also.