

5th November 2013
Spandau / School

Thursday – SALT of the Earth Meeting
Berlin 14:00 to 17:00

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Agenda and Minutes from the meeting :

14:00 - Please be ready to start at 2pm.

We will gather your A4 reports of progress to save time. This is because we are no longer meeting on Friday afternoon. (See email)

- Give Lesley your report on one A4 sheet please.
- Bring your 'How to' sheet and will collect them together

All countries gave their reports.

1. Poland May 2014 : needs, numbers, dates, money , accommodation, programme

Poland: Thank you to Inka and the Polish group for their organisation.

Points agreed (Rough Programme Only)-

- On Wednesday 28th the bus will take all staff and pupils to Klowawa where we will stay for 1 night.
- Thursday 29th Sight Seeing and Salt Mine.
- Hold a meeting underground for staff and lunch for children.
- Pm – go on to Barlinek.
- Friday – Barlinek – school visit and European Day.
- All countries are to prepare a little something to perform on the day – details to follow.
- Saturday to be agreed closer to the visit.
- Sunday – bus departs for Berlin.

Inka will send around a proper timetable closer to the time and she will also be requesting information about each party to clarify how many adults and how many children.

2. 15:00 Khudela (Nadine and Ken) – a progress update on the ebook

Ken and Nadine gave an update on the work so far and discussed what they had learned in visiting the countries and working with children from a wide range of cultures.

Nadine gave out copies of the Polish chapter from the ebook as an example of how the work is progressing. She read the chapter to the group and then we discussed the story.

The final ebook will have hotlinks to the content of the project website and all of the group products.

The Scottish are to edit the final English version and this will be returned to Nadine.

Translations will need to be made by each country from the English text and these should be sent to Nadine by mid February.

The publication will be fully discussed at the meetings in May.

Discussion took place about the publication process and publication rights. The ebook may be entered for some competitions / awards.

The full story should be finished by March and the ebook will be presented to the group in the meetings in May.

Nadine is feeling confident that the final outcome will be very good and will draw attention to the work of the project group.

Ken finished the presentation by talking about the musical content of the story and ebook. Everyone listened to the Greek singing and had a chance to ask questions about the presentation.

Summary:

Scottish to edit book – end of January

Every country to offer their translations to Nadine by – Mid February

The full story will be finished in March

The ebook will be presented to the group at the Meeting in Poland (May)

3. *CLiL - Content language integrated learning - workshop with Ulla and Maria José*

Although we were unable to hold the full workshop due to Ulla being unavailable, the group were given a wonderful presentation by the Spanish teachers.....

Thank you to the Spanish teachers who gave us a wonderful presentation on their language Bilingual Program.

This presentation explained how the language is built up from the early stages of schooling to become 11 hours per week as the pupils progress through the school.

We were also shown examples of photos from their English only summer camps (English for Survival) where native English speaking assistants help by working with the children. This ensures the quality of the teaching input / spoken language.

This integrated Creative Teaching has had a real impact on the results being achieved by Spain and the pupils benefit from a holistic experience where they are fully involved and active. As the work begins in pre-school the pupils are exposed to a quality language experience from their earliest years.

Thank you once again Spain for a very positive presentation.

4. Erasmus - the new project : agreements, the new form / Erasmus+ - report by Ulla/Anja

Thank you to Ulla and Anna for exploring the news about the new Erasmus + programme.

It would seem that Erasmus will begin in January 2014 and that Comenius work will be part of the Key Action 2 area. This is about co-operation for Innovation and Good Practices.

Anna was certain that we will have a little extra time to complete our submission as the new date seems to be around March 2014. Details to follow. All countries to watch for guidance on the websites.

5. Project planning by Lesley – new project outline.

The new project outline was discussed. Basically the new outline is well received and a few suggestions have been listed. These will be written into the project when the final form is available.

Ulla suggested that we explore the Blue Economy – no emissions and no waste. Looking at things in a new way

New Title – The Comenius Economy

The idea of a Comenius Coin was explored. This idea could have further consideration if the new project is accepted.

We need to look for links to healthy eating within the project framework.

Discussion about including local craft workers within the experience. The Estonian Guilds were used as an example of good practice.

Spain suggested that we have a Toy Hospital facility – good idea!

Spain also suggested involving grandparents – gardening and flowerpots. Workshops involving grandparents.

The ‘I and We’ content is fine, but reduce the ‘I’ content to 6 months leaving enough time to spread the work and involve everyone.

A documentary is considered a key outcome in this new project. Each country has been asked to explore any local documentary makers who

could film each country's content. This content could be then passed to a core Berlin team who would make the documentary.

6. We need some dates for the diary for the mobility plan for the new project. Could everyone bring their diaries with dates for forward holidays.

We have decided to wait until the new form is available before discussing mobilities. We are currently uncertain how the process will work.

7. A Plan for the Market Stall – who will be there and when

Leave until Friday.

Last item – anything else that may need to be talked about tomorrow

Romania's Salt Map – content is still needed from some countries.

Etwinning and forming links.

Video conferencing – linking via Skype / Etwinning, etc

The Photo competition

Evaluation – timing the final part

Website content