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Meeting RIBA Schools Client Forum
Date July 19 2005
Venue Jo Richardson Community School
Present Valerie Bragg –Chair (VB) The 3Es Enterprises Ltd
David Challinor (DC) New Member - Kajima
Sarah Curl (SC) Curl la Tourelle Architects
Stefan Jakobek (SJ) HOK
David Emmanuel Noel (DEN) Royal Institute of British Architects
Andy Thompson (AT) Consultant
Shirley Turner (ST) Hampshire County Council
Helen Taylor (HT) Architecture plb
Chris French (CF) Consultant
Fiona Fanning (FF) New Member -DFES
Georgina Frank (GF) Mill Group

In attendance

Andy Buck (AB) Jo Richardson Community School
Mima Bone (MB) CABE
Liz Fraser (LF) Lomax Cassidy Edwards
Ian Fraser (IF) Lomax Cassidy Edwards
Alan Gillard (AG) Barking LEA
Ty Goddard (TG) School Works
Rebecca Liddle (RL) Blueamber
Mike Skilton (MS) Architecture plb
Judith Smyth (JS) OPM
Jo deSyllas (Jo) Architecture plb
Kate Warmsley (KW) Blueamber
George Zondagh (GZ) Bouygue

Apologises

Dominic Cullinan (DC) CABAL
Chris Gilbert- new member (CG) Birmingham City Council
Mark Dolling –new member (MD) Milton Keynes LEA
Tim Crabb (TC) West Sussex County Council
Jane Gray (JG) Felce & Guy Partnership
Catherine Harrington (CH) Architype
Sally Livesey (SL) Westminster RC Diocese
Gerald Mitchell -new member(GM) Manchester Council
John Russell (JR) Southwark Diocese
Jane Lock Smith (JLS) Cube Design
Jane Simpson (JS) Aedas
Lucy Watson (LW) DfES
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1.0 **Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes were accepted

2.0 **Matters Arising**

Hard copies of the morning presentation will be forward to members

2.1 Client Representation

The number of Local Authority members has increased. However DEN the were absent from the meeting. Further notice regarding the dates and venue should be given.

2.2 Schools Client Forum Website

Links to EDOG and BRE are now available
The redesigning of the RIBA website will be completed next year. DEN is in communication with the RIBA website design team and will brief the group on developments. Members were encouraged to forward their comments to him. He remains hopeful that conference booking facilities, large PowerPoint presentations and video streaming will be available. This will enhance the quality and level of online information. Members were requested to forward CVs for the members page which is now updated.

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3.0 **Ty Goddard- School Works Proposal**

Ty Goddard of School Works outlined proposals for the establishment of a multi disciplined member organisation designed to research, develop and communicate best practice for commissioning and design of school buildings. There is an emerging need for a central co-ordinating body.

Paying reference to the success of the British Council of Offices ability to influence office design, TG suggested stakeholders including RIBA, RICS ,CIBSE, BRE, Universities, Educators, Contractors and other bodies involved in the creation and management of schools should unite with a similar mission. The organisation would explore issues surrounding state education and the supply & demand of services.

A 'British Council for School Environments' could collate and highlight examples of best practice. He added that the forum and

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RIBA President Elect Jack Pringle should actively support the proposal.

The September conference was seen as an ideal platform to introduce such a concept. TG agreed to update the forum with developments TG

4.0

Judith Smyth – OPM Director of Children’s Services

JS outlined changes in education delivery that were emerging as a result of the Government Green Paper ‘Every Child Matters’ and the Children’s Act.

LEAs are redefining their roles and are emerging as Children’s Service Authorities to provide a more integrated approach to delivering services. This more holistic approach is designed to improve children’s health, employment opportunities, participation and contribution to society.

JS argued that Phrase 1 of Building Schools for the future missed out on the opportunity to provide a more integrated service. Schools and the Children’s Service Authorities will now need to consider on site services such as GP surgeries and revenue streams in addition to capital funding.

A more integrated approach will see local authorities administering the following:

- Joint assessment of local needs involving children, young people and parents
- Single plan shared between all children's services reflecting national and local priorities for improved outcomes
- Pooling of budgets to supported joint commissioning of services
- New joint area reviews to inspect local children's services
- The delivery of integrated frontline services to improve outcomes for children and young people will need support at a strategic level

The new three-year children and young people's plan, which local authorities are required to produce from April 2006, will be a single plan shared between all children's services, reflecting national and local priorities for improving outcomes for children and young people.

JS argued that the role of parents and head teachers would contribute greatly to the success of the programme. A partnership with the voluntary sector and voluntary aided schools is equally important if we are to achieve positive outcomes.

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Further information is available from the OPM website
www.opm.co.uk

RL is organising regional events exploring funding opportunities across the UK and invites OPM and members to participate in the programme. Change has to start and end with schools

5.0 **Learning Environments September 19-20th Conference**

The conference will be staged at the Jubilee Campus, University of Nottingham. The programme for the two-day event is near completion. Attached is the latest draft programme. DB requested members of the forum forward their suggested speakers, company logos, case studies, potential sponsors, delegate names and reading lists before the end of July. Members of the working group were encouraged to forward CVs and photographs by August 5th

Working
Group
members

6.0 **Space to Learn: The Use and Impact of Technology on the Design of Educational Buildings**

The event was successful in attracting over 130 delegates including head teachers, IT professionals, contractors and building professionals. Two thirds of the delegates were non-architects and a high percentage represented the FE and HE sectors. With a live link to the British Council's Romanian Office, The event proved useful in highlighting advances in how video conferencing technology is used for distance learning and incorporated into classroom design. Presentations will be placed on the Schools Client Forum website and the edited DVD will be available shortly.

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7.0 **Date of the Next Meeting**

19th- 20th September Conference Nottingham University

22 November 2005. It was suggested that a non PFI Primary school outside of the London area would make a good venue for the next meeting. Suggestions to DEN

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