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Meeting RIBA Schools Client Forum
Date 8 February 2005
Venue Mossbourne Academy Hackney
Present Valerie Bragg –Chair (VB) The 3Es Enterprises Ltd
Sarah Curl (SC) Curl la Tourelle Architects
Dominic Cullinan (DC) CABAL
Georgina Frank (GF) Wates
Chris French (CF) Consultant
Jane Gray (JG) Felce & Guy Partnership
Stefan Jakobek (SJ) HOK
David Emmanuel Noel (DEN) Royal Institute of British Architects
John Russell (JR) Southwark Diocese
Jane Simpson (JS) Aedas
Helen Taylor (HT) Architecture plb
Andy Thompson (AT) DfES
Shirley Turner (ST) Hampshire County Council
Lucy Watson (LW) DfES

In attendance

Peter Dawson (PD) DDI
Simon Foxell (SF) The Architectural Practice
Andy Piggott (AP) Association for Science Education
John Lawrence (JL) Association for Science Education

Apologies

Tim Crabb (TC) West Sussex County Council
Paul Fletcher (PF) Paul Fletcher Architects
Hilary Graves (HG) Building Research Establishment
Bob Hayes (CH) Architype
Catherine Harrington (CH) Architype
Alan Jones (AJ) DfES
Sally Livesey (SL) Westminster RC Diocese
Paul Scott (PS) Paul Scott Architects
Jane Lock Smith (JLS) Cube Design
Saiyyidah Zaidi (SZ) London Borough of Lewisham

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1.0 **Minutes of the last meeting**
The minutes were accepted

2.0 **Matters Arising**

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Chaired by Sunand Prasad of the RIBA Policy and Strategy group the meeting reviewed the purpose of the client forum initiative. The forums were asked to contribute to RIBA's election manifesto and future policy development in their respective sectors. Future meeting are planned throughout 2005.

2.2 DfES Representation

AT announced his departure from the DfES and introduced LW as the new DfES representative. AT request to remain on the forum as a consultant was accepted.

3.0 **Access to Schools Presentation**

Jane Simpson's full presentation is attached

4.0 **Aims and Objectives for 2005/6**

SJ, the new convenor of the Schools client forum proposed that future meetings would focus on one particular issue. Suggested topics for scheduled 2005 meetings were proposed :

- Partnership for Schools and the development of emerging LEPS.
- Lessons to be learnt from the City Academy programme and their relevance to the broader Secondary School field.
- Environment: lighting, acoustics, ventilation and energy use. How guidance from DfES encourages or inhibits innovation.
- How changes in the curriculum effect school Building design

It was also proposed that future meetings are held around the country in venue relevant to the agenda.

Overall, the committee endorsed SJ's proposal.

Although the topics will form part the September conference programme, members believed the academies and BSF initiative should not dominate the forum's 2005 agenda. There are already several conferences planned on BSF and, since the initiative is at an embryonic stage, it would be too early to comment on its effectiveness. Some members questioned whether we should concentrate on academies since they represented a small percentage of school buildings.

Members were encouraged to explore the methods of school

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building design used overseas. Inviting guest speakers to present relevant papers in venues around the country was unanimously supported.

GF/SJ

The dates and themes of future meetings are as follows:

May 12 -Environment
July 19 Changes in the curriculum
Sept 15 Conference
Nov 22 extended schools

GF and SJ agreed to secure venues for the future meetings. Arups headquarters in Solihull was highlighted as a suitable venue for hosting the next meeting. With environmental issues as the day's theme Richard Daniels of the DfES was suggested as a guest speaker.

5.0 **Date of Next Meeting**
May 12 2005- Arup Campus Solihull.

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