

# MINUTES OF THE SCHOOLS TRANSFORMATION BOARD

01 May 2007

present	Name	Title	Organisation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cllr Santry	chair and Lead Member for CYP	Haringey Council
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cllr Engert	Councillor	Haringey Council
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	Cllr Jones	Councillor	Haringey Council
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Roz Hudson	Headteacher	Alexandra Park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stephanie Gold	Chair of Governors	Alexandra Park
	Keith Horrell	Headteacher	Blanche Nevile School
A	Martyn Henson	Deputy Headteacher	Fortismere
A	Jane Farrell	Chair of Governors	Fortismere
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tony Hartney	Headteacher	Gladesmore
	vacancy	Governor	Gladesmore
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Patrick Cozier	Headteacher	Highgate Wood
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clive Menzies	Chair of Governors	Highgate Wood
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Andy Yarrow	Headteacher	Hornsey School
	Karen Christie	Chair of Governors	Hornsey School
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	June Alexis	Headteacher	John Loughborough
	Keith Davidson	Governor	John Loughborough
	Yolande Burgess	Area Manager	LSC
	Andy Kilpatrick	Headteacher	Northumberland Park
	vacancy	Governor	Northumberland Park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alex Atherton	Headteacher	Park View Academy
	vacancy	Governor	Park View Academy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michael Edwards	PfS Project Director	Partnership for Schools
A	Bev Randall	Acting head of centre	Pupil Support Centre
	June Jarrett	Principal	Sixth Form Centre
A	Jean Fawcett	Chair of Governors	Sixth Form Centre
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mark Rowland	Deputy Headteacher	St Thomas More
	vacancy	Governor	St Thomas More
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nigel Spears	representative	Archdiocese of Westminster
	Margaret Sumner	Headteacher	William C Harvey
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joan McVittie	Headteacher	Woodside High
	vacancy	Governors	Woodside High
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tony Brockman	representative	Haringey Teachers' Panel

	Officers supporting the STB		
A	Sharon Shoesmith	Director, CYPS	Haringey Council
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gordon Smith	BSF Programme Director	Haringey Council
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	David Williamson	Head of Secondary Innovations	Haringey Council
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Colin Hand	Committee Clerk	Haringey Council

**2. ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

Nothing to discuss

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nothing to declare

**4. DEPUTATIONS/ PETITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/QUESTIONS**

Nothing to discuss

**5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

For accuracy

Members suggested that it would be useful to have a full list of representatives. CH will add the full list to the papers for the next meeting.

It was noted that Mark Rowland conveyed apologies to the meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Matters arising

Under item 7 paragraph 2, discussing the 'Strategy for Change' document, the board in question should be clearly identifies as the BSF Board. CH to amend minutes accordingly.

The 'Strategy for Change' document will be included in the dispatch of papers for the next meeting.

**6. FEEDBACK FROM TRANSFORMATION MANAGER'S FORUM (GLADYS BERRY)**

Gladys Berry reported that Transformation Managers feel the rate of change is fast and some are finding it difficult to deal with in their schools. For example, colleagues are being introduced to new ways of working with IT to transform learning, but when they return to schools and have no funding available to experience to implement their new found experience.

Gladys Berry requested that the structure diagrams need to be supplemented with the names of all those taking part in the various stages and forums of the BSF process. This will give Transformation Managers an overview and enable them to identify points of mutual contact. The Chair requested that names are provided as soon as possible.

The third point Gladys Berry raised was that it was important that funds were available to schools for staff to engage in the BSF process. Whilst it is important for school staff to engage in this work, schools may not have the capacity to deliver on both these and their other obligations.

In response David Williamson (DW) stated that the Terms of Reference for Sub Groups can now be approved. DW recognises the demands on staff time that engagement

presents and stated that it was impressive how schools have stepped up to the mark, however there was a shared concern of how sustainable engagement was.

In discussing financial for schools, DW stated that a proposal will be put to the BSF Board on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> May to provide a contribution towards this capacity building from within the construction budget. All parties recognise the need to support and enable the activities of Transformation Managers.

In addition to the work of the transformation managers, some schools were investing staff time in assisting with the ICT procurement process. This would be examined as a separate issue under the ICT procurement process.

## **7. FEEDBACK FROM ICT FORUM (PAUL GUENAUT)**

Paul Guenault will in future provide an input to the STB. Eugene Cash reported on feedback from the ICT Forum. An update is included in the briefing paper for the board, but some particular points were drawn out by Eugene Cash in the meeting.

- Work is now underway to develop 'levers for change' which will form part of the ICT brief for the MSP for each school.
- The next stage of procurement is well advanced. Whilst at present bidders cannot be identified as commercial confidentiality needs to be maintained, but there are number of strong submissions. These will be assessed by a panel of school representatives over the coming weeks.

DW noted that January 2007 was a period of high anxiety for schools in respect of ICT. However the establishment of the ICT forum seems to have reduced this anxiety and there is now significant involvement from school representatives. There is some concern about some schools that do not always attend. The Board agreed that all schools should be involved, and members were urged to use their influence to encourage participation. DW stated that during the next stage, where engagement is not forthcoming then officers will be approaching individual schools to discuss the barriers to participation.

## **8. Other items arising through discussion**

Clive Menzies highlighted that the £180m will make a difference to schools in the borough, and that it was important that this message is disseminated. It was suggested that Town Hall or Alexandra Palace were approached to help enlist the support of the community. It was felt that it was important to recognise that this represented no just an opportunity to transform schools but our communities as well.

DW responded by stating that there was a Communications Plan which is due to start over the month of May. It was agreed that the officer responsible for plan will report to the next meeting of the STB.

## **9. BSF PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHT REPORT (PAGES 7 – 14)**

Please note that the report is circulated as prior reading. STB members are asked to consider points which they would like to raise about the report.

## **Management Summary**

Eugene Cash reported that the 6FC ICT procurement has effectively been concluded.

The second round of meetings held with ICT MSP bidders will be held before the end of May 2007.

Officers reported that the issue of the Deed of Variation (DoV) is still in discussion, however it is still hoped to be completed by end May.

Gordon Smith reported that the pace of the programme is speeding up matched by the response of the new project managers. The work of the former project management company led to some delays in the early part of the programme. The new contractor, MACE, has so far been impressive.

The BSF programme plan has been amended to advance the start date of those projects where this is possible, enabling longer design time in the first stage.

## **6<sup>th</sup> Form Centre**

June Jarrett reported that building the 6FC building remains on progress and the main teaching block is almost completed. There has been good progress on the procurement of an ICT provider. June was confident that a MiS provider will be in place before the centre opens.

## **PFI**

GS stated that a great deal of work had been conducted to understand the PFI position, working with the PFI subgroup of the STB.

A bursars group is being set up to assist in managing variations in the future. The priority is to complete the DoV and produce an effective variation process.

Mike Clayden, delegating for the headteacher of Northumberland Park school, stated that their school faced major backdated PFI costs. Other Board members also added their serious concerns about the issue. Using his own benchmarking estimates, he suggested that the PFI was not providing best value. Other members of the Board agreed that this was a significant issue for them that needed to be resolved and that would have a marked impact on the progress they had made to improve outcomes for young people.

The Chair responded by stating that this is being treated as a major issue by the Council. At the political level the seriousness of this issue is well understood. In the interim, officers will organise a meeting with the Council's financial advisers to explore the all concerns. The Chair requested that the Board continue to bear with officers whilst they prepare solutions, and continue to work alongside the Council to resolve the issue.

## **10. FEEDBACK FROM SCHOOLS ABOUT PROJECT PROGRESS**

This item was discussed briefly. This item will be carried over to the next meeting.