

Minutes



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Location Haringey Sixth Form Centre, White Hart Lane, London, N17
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Present

Peter Lyne	Mary Vine-Morris
Paul Butler	Keith Weller
Alison Dickens	Yolande Burgess
Janette Faherty	Sarah Carrick
Colin Madden	Hassan Shami
David Plank	Hazel Sheridan (note-taker)
Ian Turner	

In attendance June Jarrett John Skitt

Apologies Apologies have been received from:

Afzal Akram	Carol Gibson
Nick Drane	Lenny Kinnear
Ian Ferguson	

Item 1. Welcome and minutes of last meeting

- 1.1 June Jarrett (JJ), Principal of Haringey Sixth Form Centre, welcomed everyone to the Centre and was pleased to have the opportunity to demonstrate to the LSC how much progress has been achieved towards the Centre's opening this September.
- 1.2 It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 4 May will be formally approved at the meeting on 6 July.

Item 2. Tour of Haringey Sixth Form Centre

- 2.1 The main entrance will be from White Hart Lane. The sports, performing arts and catering blocks are still under construction and should be completed within two months. The building work is on time with the scheduled programme, with some areas slightly ahead, and is in keeping with the allocated budget.

2.2 JJ, the architect and a representative from Wilmot Dixon took council members on a tour of the main teaching block building. Key features of the building are:

- Classrooms are slightly larger than current rooms in most other schools and colleges. The rooms can hold 32 students, however it is anticipated that class sizes will be 16-23 pupils.
- As well as standard-style classrooms there are open-plan and partitioned classrooms to encourage interactive teaching between two classes and interaction between students.
- Standard-style classrooms have large glass panels to give a sense of openness and so it can be seen what activity is going on.
- There are open-plan study centres/mini-learning resources in each faculty which will be staffed. Desks, computers and books for that subject will be available to students. Staff rooms are adjacent to the study areas so staff are easily available to the students if required. A general learning resource centre is also available.
- Each subject classroom and study area is colour coded (e.g. green for humanities, red for art). Most walls are a neutral colour with the 'subject colour' doors and pillars. Students' art work will be hung on the walls.
- Interactive whiteboards will be added to classrooms as part of the IT installation.
- There are large storage rooms next to special needs teaching areas for storage of wheelchairs and equipment. An SEN treatment room is also available. The lift will only be used by disabled students.

Item 3. Areas under construction

- 3.1 The sports faculty will have a gymnasium, fitness suite and an all-weather pitch.
- 3.2 There will be a 200 seat theatre and an open amphitheatre as part of the performing arts faculty.
- 3.3 For catering, there are four training kitchens: factory kitchen, fine-dining kitchen, SEN kitchen and a virtual kitchen. There will also be a fine-dining area, restaurant and bar.

Item 4. Security

- 4.1 Security and safety of the building, students and staff are very important; however the preference is for security to be as low-key as possible.
- 4.2 CCTV will be used with 13 cameras to cover the outside areas and 15 cameras in the building.
- 4.3 Students will have pass-cards to enter the main entrance to the building and staff will have proximity cards to access classrooms. Students will be unable to enter closed classrooms. Another entrance in College Road will be for staff and special needs students only. A gate entrance will be used for community users of the building, which will generally be out of normal hours.

- 4.4 The site will have its own on-site police officer, which is the case for all Haringey schools/colleges.
- 4.5 It was decided not to install a weapon scanner as the cost was very high and the preference is for low-key security.

Item 5. Staff recruitment

- 5.1 The Senior Management Team, Heads of Faculties and Programme Area Managers have all been recruited and are in place.
- 5.2 Interviews have taken place for teaching staff and most roles have now been filled, however there are still vacancies in science and PE. Initially there will be 50 teaching staff, growing to 80 as the number of students increase.
- 5.3 Advertisements for 30-40 support staff are now in the media.

Item 6. Any other business

- 6.1 Reduction in budget – it was noted that approximately 3 months ago, London Borough of Haringey became aware of a shortfall of £400,000 in the ICT budget. The original concept was for H6FC to have ‘state of the art’ ICT equipment. Although some money has been moved from other budgets, it was disappointing that ICT has had to be scaled down.
- 6.2 Community use – it is hoped that the building will become part of and available for use by the local community. Parts of the building could be let for community and business use, for example, catering for weddings, conferences, use of sports facilities and community group meetings. The Facilities Manager will be responsible for community engagement. London Borough of Haringey will manage the leisure facilities and services out of hours.
- 6.3 Curriculum – H6FC will offer 30 A level subjects plus vocational qualifications with a 50/50 split between academic and vocational. The mix of curriculum appears to be in line with the breadth of current applications. The curriculum may change in the future depending on demand.
- 6.4 The Council wished to record their thanks to June for hosting such an interesting visit, also to thank Wilmot Dixon for the refreshments provided and finally to wish the management team every success in what is sure to be a challenging few months to come.

Item 7. Date of next meeting

- 7.1 The next meeting will be on Friday 6 July, starting at 08.30 at Dumayne House.

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