

New School Update – December 2015

1. The Naming process

Deadline for proposals is Friday 18th. Our submissions are in. The next step will be to take the proposals to Cabinet on 27 January for a final decision.

2. Communication Strategy

There is now a website dedicated to updates of all school build projects. The pages can be found on the EAC website – Schools – Investing in New Schools – East Ayrshire Learning Campus (Kilmarnock) or by using the link below:

<https://www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk/EducationAndLearning/Investing-in-East-Ayrshire-Schools/East-Ayrshire-Learning-Campus---Kilmarnock.aspx>

A Twitter account has been set up. Search for 'EACNewSchools' #EALCKilmarnock
There is a Facebook page as well.

3. Building updates

- Widening of Sutherland Drive is well under way.
- The ESA10 issue has been resolved.
- The stage 2 report was accepted on 9 December. It is on target for financial close on 25th January 2016. This means work should be able to commence on 22nd February 2016.
- All suggested enhancements have been taken forward except the teaching wall suggestion and a permanent stage.
- E Walker attended a presentation / Fly through of the new build. It is hoped that this will be available around March for all staff.
- The concrete floor in the Atrium was discussed again. It will be kept in the proposals for now but could be changed later.
- Following consultation with our school staff group, vertical blinds will be fitted on all windows except those North facing. Tints will also be applied to south facing windows.
- Music and STEM equipment in schools will be reviewed to see what is worth taking. Quality and shelf life to be considered.
- Roller boards will now be installed as requested.
- Hard wired suite will be available for online SQA exams.
- Northern Light Lighting have been consulted on requirements for the Drama studio and the main performance area. Darren attended this meeting on our behalf.
- The main contentious issue was the function of the large synthetic pitch. We had asked for a Hockey/ football surface which would lend itself to all sorts of physical activity use such as fitness, tennis, running etc. It has been decided to surface the pitch with Rugby/ football 3G. Concerns raised as to limited use were agreed but further action needs to be taken and concerns to be taken to A Ward. D Stevenson and S Edgar to provide a paper for D Rose to present to A Ward.
- Next Meeting will be February 2016.

4. Curriculum

To be progressed by HTs.