

Minutes of the Third Meeting of the Board of Governors of the English Secondary School for Boys in the Lebanon, held at the British Council in Beirut on October 18, 1956.

Present:

✓ Dr. Joseph Hitti (Chairman)
✓ Dr. Fouad Boustany
✓ Mr. T.W. Morray
✓ Mr. A. McQueen
✓ Jean F. Hanania
✓ Mr. G. Catoni
✓ Jamil Bey Mikaoui
✓ Mr. I.D. Scott (Secretary)

Absent:

✓ Sheikh Naguib Alamuddin
✓ Mr. Ghassan Tuéni
✓ Mr. W.F. Crawford

Action

1. Dr. Hitti, in welcoming new members of the Board of Governors, referred to the temporary nature of his appointment as Chairman and suggested that now that the Board of Governors was fully constituted a Chairman proper should be elected whose terms of office, like those of the members of the Board, should be fixed by the Trustees. Mr. Catoni proposed, and Mr. McQueen seconded, that Dr. Hitti should continue as Chairman with Mr. Scott as Secretary. This was agreed unanimously. Jamil Bey Mikaoui expressed thanks on behalf of the newly appointed members of the Board of Governors.

2. The minutes of the last meeting, which had already been circulated to all members of the Board, were approved.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Paragraph 3: The Chairman reported that formal approval of the articles of constitution had now been received from the Ministry of the Interior.

Paragraphs 4 and 5: The purchase of the land enclave had now been completed at a cost of £Lebanese 58,000, plus £Lebanese 3,000 stamp duty, etc.; the whole site thus now becomes the property of the school. Registration had been completed.

Paragraph 6: Mr. Scott reported that in view of the need for quick action approval had been given, after individual consultation with members of the Building Sub-Committee, for the survey of the site to be started immediately, at an estimated cost of £Lebanese 2,000.

Agreed unanimously.

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(i) Mr. Morray reported that Mr. Edwards had agreed to act as Assistant Secretary to the Board of Governors.

(ii) It was agreed that the payment of £Lebanese 400 should be made to Mr. Smithers for his services.

Approved.

Paragraph 10: The conversion of the Sterling balances (held in the appeal account) to Lebanese pounds had been carried out.

Paragraph 12: The Board re-affirmed that admission to the school should not be lower than the age of ten plus. The Board recommended that the houses should contain sixty boys, and consist of three dormitories for approximately fifteen pupils each, consisting of boys up to the age of fifteen or sixteen years, with accommodation for a House Tutor; and for the more senior pupils study-bedrooms for two or three students each. Each house should have provision for a sick-room. It was agreed that the Education Sub-Committee should study the plans of accommodation in the various houses and that a meeting for the purpose should be called.

Mr. Morray
and
Education
Committee

Working Papers 16 and 17 (Equivalence and Curriculum) which had been circulated to the Board were approved. It was agreed that a letter should be sent by the Board to the Minister of Education with a report for the grant of equivalence for the General Certificate of Education.

Chairman

Paragraph 16: Dr. Hitti reported that he had discussed the question of the:

- (i) Approach road
- (ii) Gendarmerie post
- (iii) Electricity
- (iv) Water supply

with His Excellency the President of the Republic and Georges Bey Haimari, who had promised full support.

Building
Committee

(i) Approach road. The Building Sub-Committee after consultation with the architects, should prepare proposals concerning the road for submission to the Public Works Department.

Chairman

(ii) Gendarmerie post. This should be established at the bifurcation of the main and approach roads as from January 1, 1957.

(iii) Electricity. There are two possible sources of supply, Damour and Deir el-Kamar. It was agreed that the Damour line would be the more satisfactory,

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Chairman

being a main line of supply. The Chairman agreed to discuss this with Georges Bey Haimari and Mr. Ibrahim Abd-El-Ahl.

(iv) Water Supply

Building Committee

(a) It was agreed that a report should be obtained from the Architects on how much water is already available on the site and the quality of this water, together with the amount of water which the school will require.

Dr. Fouad Boustany

(b) Dr. Fouad Boustany agreed to investigate sources and quantity of water at Deir el-Kamar.

(c) A third source, water belonging to Mr. Rihan, six kilometres above the site, was also considered; but it was agreed that further consideration should be given to this after the Building Committee have received the Architects' report as above.

Working Paper (15)

Appeal Committee. The Chairman outlined the formation of the Appeal Committee and the results of previous efforts. It was considered the time had now come to make a further appeal. It was agreed that the draft appeal was not entirely suitable for the Lebanon since the background of the school was already well known. The Chairman suggested that a briefer note should be prepared for despatch to possible donors and to the sponsors of the project, informing them of the considerable progress that had been made with the school.

This was approved.

Jamil Bey Mikaoui proposed that the Committee should be augmented and should include some ladies. Mr. Scott suggested that an appeal sub-committee should now be formed from the Board of Governors, and the following were proposed and approved:-

Dr. Hitti
Jamil Bey Mikaoui
Mr. G. Catoni
Mr. McQueen
Mr. Scott

Chairman

It was agreed that the Chairman should approach Saeb Bey Salam with a view to fixing a date for a meeting of the Appeal Sub-Committee, which would absorb the previous Committee by co-option.

Appeal Committee

Appeals outside the Lebanon. The Governors approved the preparation of a new brochure with photographs of the site and, if possible, of a maquette.

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Building
Committee

Architects' reply to letter at W.P. No. 14
(Working Paper No. 16). Mr. Catoni pointed out
that the Architects should be asked to state more
clearly than is contained in their reply what
exactly their specific terms are. It was agreed
that the Building Sub-Committee should meet the
Architects and discuss this with them.

Date of next meeting.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the
Board of Governors should be held on Wednesday,
November 14 at 5 p.m. at the British Council.

I. D. Scott
(I.D. Scott)
Secretary.

British Embassy,
Beirut.

October 22, 1956.