

BRITISH SCHOOL IN THE LEBANON

Thirteenth Meeting of the Board of Governors

held on Tuesday, 30th April, 1963

at the British Council

Present: Dr J. Hitti (Chairman) H.E. Sir Moore Crosthwaite  
Mr A.J. Catoni Mr H.A.A. Hankey  
Mr G. Heseldin Mr H.B. Sinclair (Treasurer)  
Mr G. Tueni Mr J.H. Grimes  
Mr N. Joly

Apologies: Sheikh Najib Alamuddin  
Dr Fouad Boustani  
Dean F. Hanania  
Mr J. Mikkawi.

1. The minutes of the twelfth meeting were approved.
2. The Chairman reported that he had received an enquiry from the Ministry of Education about progress with the plans for the School and had replied that discussions were still in progress.
3. The Treasurer distributed copies of a letter giving details of the state of the funds on 28th February 1963 and showing a balance in hand of LL.1,339,638.73.-
4. At the request of the Chairman, H.E. Sir Moore Crosthwaite reviewed the background of the development of the School Project and suggested that the Board should decide on a course of action. As the gap between the funds collected and the amount required for the original project was unbridgeable, considerable thought had been given to alternative plans which might most nearly fulfil the original aim. Of these, the suggestion that the funds should be applied to assist Brummana High School with its plans for expansion was favoured by H.M. Government. The Board might wish to consider forming a sub-committee to study this possibility and to investigate the legal implications of devoting the money to such a purpose.
5. In the discussion that followed, Mr Tueni raised the question of whether donors to the fund should be consulted and how objections should be dealt with. Mr Catoni was strongly of the opinion that the legal position of the Board in using the money for other than the original purpose should be clarified before alternative projects were investigated. Mr Sinclair was concerned about the Board's moral position as a Trust for the funds. Mr Heseldin was reluctant to abandon the original project and was in favour of starting a day School on a smaller scale in rented premises. The Chairman made a further suggestion that the money be used to provide British teachers in Lebanese schools.

6. Mr Catoni queried why the Building Sub-committee had not met as required by Minute 8 of the last meeting. The Board was informed that Sheikh Najib Alamuddin had written resigning the office of Chairman of that Sub-committee.

7. It was finally agreed that a Sub-committee be formed:-

- (i) to consider the legal implications of devoting the funds available to the expansion of an existing school run on British lines;
- (ii) to investigate the possibility of assisting Brammana High School to develop and expand;
- (iii) to explore other possibilities.

8. It was agreed that the members of this Sub-committee were to be:-

Mr Hankey (Chairman)  
Mr Feseldin  
Mr Nikkawi  
Mr Fanania  
Mr Grimes (Secretary)

and that the Sub-committee was to report to the Board within 4 weeks. In the event of Mr Nikkawi's continued absence in Europe, Mr Tuani agreed to replace him and obtain the necessary legal advice.

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*Joseph H. Nikk*  
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