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BRITISH SCHOOL IN THE LEBANON

Fifteenth Meeting of the Board of Governors  
held on Friday, 17th January, 1964  
at the British Council

Present: Dr Joseph Hitti (Chairman) Dean F. Hanania  
H.E. Sir Derek Riches Mr A.J. Catoni  
Mr H.A.A. Hankey Mr H.B. Sinclair  
Mr G. Heseldin Mr J.H. Grimes.

Apologies: Sheikh Najib Alamuddin  
Mr G. Tueni  
Dr Fouad Bustani  
Mr N. Joly  
Mr J. Mikaoui.

1. The Minutes of the Fourteenth Meeting were approved.
2. The Treasurer distributed a statement of account and the meeting took note of the total balance carried forward on 31st December, 1963, of LL. 1,383,106.16.
3. Mr Hankey presented the second report of the Brummana Sub-committee. The Chairman had a message of apology for absence from Mr Tueni which recorded his acceptance of the report. Recommendation (a) of the Sub-committee was discussed and the proposed amendments to the Brummana High School constitution were accepted with the one amendment that the last phrase of Article III should be changed to read "and the British Public School", (instead of Schools).
4. Recommendation (b) provoked wide-ranging discussion of the whole plan to aid Brummana High School. Mr Heseldin proposed that a better name would be "Brummana School" and that the endowment of an English teaching post should form part of any programme of expenditure of our funds. Mr Catoni suggested that the plan to aid Brummana was not an acceptable proposition to put to the donors and that the Board should report to the Trustees its inability to fulfil the function for which it was created. Sir Derek Riches pointed out that the Board had previously agreed to investigate alternative projects when it had been accepted that sufficient funds for the original scheme had not been forthcoming and that aiding Brummana had been recommended by the Sub-committee as the best alternative. It was eventually decided not to proceed further with efforts to change the name of the School.
5. Recommendation (c) of the Sub-committee was agreed and the Sub-committee were instructed to consult further with the B.H.S. Authorities with the aim of producing a more detailed scheme of financial aid, with special attention to the proposed endowment of a teaching post. Their planning should, however, remain tentative until the reaction of donors to the proposal was largely known.
6. A Sub-committee was appointed consisting of:-  
Mr J. Mikaoui (Chairman)  
Mr H.A.A. Hankey  
Mr H.B. Sinclair

to draft a letter in English and Arabic addressed to donors informing them of the Board's proposal to assist Brummana and asking their agreement to allow their contribution to be used in this way. The draft would be circulated to members of the Board for approval and the Sub-committee would ensure that all appropriate steps were taken to obtain the consent of donors. Contributions would be returned to those donors who found this use of the funds unacceptable.

7. A letter dated 4th January from Mr Sami Shoucair to Mr Sinclair requesting information about the progress of the British School in Lebanon project was read to the Board. The Chairman undertook to give Mr Shoucair verbal information, pending despatch of the official letter to donors.

8. It was decided that H.E. The President of the Republic as Trustee should be informed of the Board's decisions and his consent obtained. Sir Derek Riches as co-Trustee agreed to approach the President in this matter.

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