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Notes from a special meeting of the Trustees of the Batlagae Trust held on Thursday 8 October 1992 at 3:00 pm.

PRESENT: N McGurk (Acting Chairman), J Samuel, M Tikly (Executive Director), B Watson, J Douglas

APOLOGIES: M A S Corke (Chairman)

1. ' BACKGROUND:

N McGurk briefed J Samuel on developments to date, and in particular, on the visits to Minister Marais and Dr Paine. He noted that the proposed project had been sympathetically received and that the Minister and Dr Paine had indicated that they were willing to offer assistance. A Johannesburg regional board had subsequently visited Sacred Heart College. N McGurk informed the .FrUstees that a number of the parents at Sacred Heart College had expressed concern for the safety of local children if exiled children were to form the majority of the student population at the Yeoville Community School.

2. PROPOSAL:

The Trustees referred to a revised proposal that constructively accounted for the fears of many of the Sacred Heart parents (appendix 1). The Trustees approved this proposal after it had been noted that the parents in question had accepted the new terms.

3. FUNDING:

It was agreed that Batlagae Trust would need to arrive at a formula by which it could channel R600 000 to Sacred Heart College in order .to cover the costs of the first phase of the project.

The Executive Director noted that several donors had pledged to give Batlagae Trust R600 000 to establish a reception centre. He suggested that a proposal be written to the donors in question, in which they were asked if the amounts pledged could be used to fund the first phase of the Sacred Heart/Batlagae Trust project. The Trustees concurred.

It was also agreed that another option would be for Batlagae Trust to offer Sacred Heart College a soft loan. J Samuel noted that he would be in the U S A from 13 to 15 November and undertook to try and raise capital for the project in his capacity as the ANC representative on education. The Trustees approved the soft loan option should the proposal to the donors be rejected. The terms of this agreement between Batlagae Trust and Sacred Heart College would be drawn up at a later date

With regard to salaries, it was agreed that it was within the means of Batlagae Trust to pay teachers at Sacred Heart College and Barnato, salary packages in the region of R72 000 per anum.

4. LETTER TO DOCTOR PAINE:

The draft letter to Dr Paine was approved and signed (appendix 2).

5. IMPLEMENTATION MEASURES:

A working committee made up of the following members was proposed and approved: N McGurk, M Tikly, J Stevenson, D Butler, S Straud, B Watson, Brother Joseph as well as two or three community members. The first meeting of the working committee would be convened by B Watson. Among the first tasks of the working committee would be to discuss student assessments and staff appointments.

6. - DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

.The next meeting of the Trustees of the Batlagae Trust will take place at Sacred Heart College on Thursday 5 November 1992, at 3:00 pm.

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SACRED HEART - BATLAGAE PROJECT

PROPOSAL FOR DISCUSSION CONFIDENTIAL

(Sacred Heart College planning group (NJM, MTW, JW, BW, and DB), Batlagae Trust, and principal of Barnato Park)

First Phase

1. The grade 1 and grade 2 classes of Sacred Heart College are accommodated on the Observatory campus from January 1993. In the classrooms and , administrative offices vacated a two-stream junior primary phase (grade 1-standard 1) of the new school be established. This will accommodate all the returnees in the junior primary, who will still be in the minority. Batlagae helps with R300 000 to . fray part of the the costs in 1992 to create the space on the Observatory campus. There will be sufficient office space for Batlagae Trust at Yeoville.

2. Two special remedial classes be created in Sacred Heart College senior primary department to accommodate the standard 2 - standard 4 returnees together with some students from Sacred Heart College. Batlagae funds one teacher and Sacred Heart College the other.

3. A standard 5 class be created at Barnato Park High School as part of its bridge programme. Batlagae Trust funds one teacher at Barnato Park, also to help with possible standard six students needing extra assistance. Standard six returnees are accommodated at Barnato Park.

. Phase 2

1. Funds are raised in 1993 to create a pre-school on the Observatory campus, or to take over-a government school to house the pre-school.

2. The community school at Yeoville then adds on its senior primary phase which will bring in the students from the Sacred Heart College senior primary special classes together with other local students. The two teachers funded by Batlagae also transfer to the community school.

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Dear Dr Paine

Afterwin depth discussions, and also having consulted with the teaching staff and parent community of the College, the Board of Governors of Sacred Heart College and the Batlabee Trust would like to accept the offer of the Minister to set up a model C primary school on the present Yeoville campus of Sacred Heart College. We would like you to convey this to the Minieter for his formal approval, in order for us to organise the school for the 1993 academic year. '-

.A very conetrutive meeting and far-reaching discussions _On_ the provision of education in the aree'were held with Vthe lOCal Inspector of Educatidh and a representative of the Johannesburg East School Board.

As previously suggested, the plan will entail a phased withdrawal of Sacred Heart College students from the Yeoville campus over a period of two years. Having taken careful note of the main needs, we would like to begin the new school with a twOwstream junior primary phase in January 1993 (Grade 1 to Standard 1, possibly starting with Grade 0), with the additional possibility of one SFQBQQ;Q_2_an534mandethen_adding_onmthe.seniormpximery-phase in 1994. The anticipated enrolment in 1993 will be between 170 to 200 students. The total enrolment in 1994 will be between 400 to 450 students. After coneultations and careful planning, we have managed to create temporary placement far 1993 for senior primary students in special classes to be set up in other schools.

The plans

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included under the same cover. The Inspector has already visited the school site, '

Since less than two months remain until the end of the academic year we are proceeding with the necessary physical arrangements. We would like to meet with you as soon as the Minister has given his formal approval, in order to prepare the necessary public statements and to do the detailed planning.

We take this opportunity to
and we look forward to Working
department in this venture.

Yours sincerely

(For Board of Governors of Sacred Heart College)

(For Batlagae Trust)