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AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (SA)

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 31, 1983.

Present: Cdes 1. M Tikly (Chairperson)
2. B September
3. R Tunga
4. T Mothe
5. M Netsianda
6. M Phambo

Apology: 1. T Maseko
2. S Zindela

Agenda : 1. Minutes and Matters arising
2. Reports (a) Chairperson
(b) Nursery
(c) Primary
(d) Secondary
(e) Adult Education
3. General
(a) Confidentiality
(b) Resources Dept.

- 1.1. The Chairman explained the position of Cde Mamatho as that of liaison with all schools, i.e. the Nursery, Primary Secondary (and Adult Education programmes).
- 1.2. The Chairman reported that no follow-up was done as yet regarding psychiatrists for Mazimbu. He would write to the Secretary for Education about psychiatrists in Canada. To write to the Chief Rep in Sweden about Freddy Reddy to come to assist in Mazimbu.
- 1.3. Reported that no follow-up yet regarding a report in children from Lesotho.
- 1.4. In the next meetings with the School/s, the Chairman would raise the question of meals, pioneers and criteria for holiday.
- 1.5. The Chairman would see the vice Principal of Somafo regarding the movement of adult education classes to the Secondary School.
- 1.6. Reported that the problem of late-coming at the Nursery still continued.
- 1.7. It was suggested that as regards meals during vacation for Primary School children, it should be served at the usual time.

2. Reports

2.1. The Chairman's Report

He reported that

- coordination of the educational sector fell under the Director's Office;
- dormitories and surroundings would be regularly inspected and that the Principals were being enjoined to maintain the cleanliness of these;
- letters were sent to the Secretary for Education, the Women

- Secretariat and the London Office regarding the Staffing situation in the Nursery and Primary Schools;
- staff development programmes were to be established with the schools;
 - the Directorate has decided that all non-teachers would receive 16/- perday;
 - the Secondary School had begun to have Production Unit meeting and others-were being advised to do likewise;
 - the Secondary Staff was considering the proposal for the introduction of polytechnic education.

2.2. Nursery

The Principal reported that

- the total number of children was 80;
- six more children were to join and 3 teachers had already joined - Cde Daluntu Ngalo (who might be returned to Dakawa for a pregnancy case) and Glory Sekete; the former is sports officer and the latter cultural officer;
- some kids were being naughty;
- as regards admission priority would be given to children of working mothers; those of expectant mothers too;
- they have received five students who have come to do practicals

2.3. Primary School

The Principal reported that

- the enrolment stood at 164;
- the staffing problem was critical to an extent of assigning some pupils to classes;
- there was still a need for an additional classroom;
- it was proposed to the Site Office that an empty block in Unit I be converted into classrooms;
- it was promised that the children would move out of overcrowded rooms;
- beatings of the pupil by a member of the community;
- an attempted suicide on October 28 would be investigated;
- one adult learner ransacked a desk, removing some articles, a diaper was found in the classroom;
- a bicycle-ride organised for pupils failed;
- Bergknot assists in the Primary school.

2.4. Adult Education

The Coordinator reported that

- they were still cooperating with the Primary School;
- proposed syllabus for adult functional literacy classes programme had been worked, which provides for (a) political education (b) English (c) arithmetic (d) food and nutrition;
- at intermediate level basic words such as water, soil, earth, etc are used to explain concepts associated with them;
- total number of basic level learners were 33 and intermediate 30.

3.1. General

- It was agreed that written reports should be circulated to all members five days before the next meeting; as regards rest for workers (non-teaching staff) is two weeks with full incentive.
- Mechanism for finance for Primary/Nursery petty cash would be discussed with the Regional Treasury;
- Resources Dept would serve all school/sectors;
- agreed that Principals could raise the matters at the meeting without reference to their staff;
- agreed that all discussions in the meeting should be treated as strictly confidential;
- agreed that matters arising from schools should be included in the agenda.

M Tikly.
Chairperson

M Netsianda.
Secretary