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You are requested to attend a critical meeting of the YI.E.T Board
on Friday 25th February 1994 from 11:00 to 13:00 on the 16th
floor of 51 Plain Street.

1. Report (attached; an Heatings held at KWSC & with
Kangwane Government 011:1'8/2/94.

2. Review of finance: i

3. Options for msc'a. future.

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Mkhatshwa, P. Van. Ronsburg, c. Hatters, M. Tikly,
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Patrick van Rensburg and Thanned Tikly represented the Y.E.T. Board at meetings at the Kangwane Centre and with the Kangwane Department of Education on Friday 18th February 1994.

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1. Patrick van Rensburg informed the teachers that the Cambridge Overseas Examinations will be held in November/December 1994, if the KWS is approved as an examination centre.

2. Five of the six subjects to be examined are not problematic (English, Maths, Natural Economy, Science and Development studies). A teacher is not available for the sixth subject, Business studies. Efforts will be made to find a part-time teacher and sons of the Centre's teachers will provide whatever assistance they are able to.

3. Trial examinations will be held to determine who will be entered for the external-examinations.

4. English Book II and a maths text book will be sent to the centre in the week commencing 1st February 1994. Other books, science equipment and chemicals will be ordered by Batlagae Trust, if it will be given details of what is required and if there is a budget for the items concerned (List is with FEP-office), Calculators will be obtained provided funds are available.

1. Patrick van Rensburg and Thanned Tikly conveyed to the meeting the grave financial crisis YET faces.

2. The meeting agreed that production could resume without the stolen tools and equipment.

3. The meeting was informed that the Board is agreeable in principle to the part payment of a bonus to workers for 1993 but will have to see how the financial situation develops before a final decision is made.

4. Appreciation was expressed for the hard work and sacrifices of production workers since the Project's inception. They had gone without pay during some months and foregone bonus payments and salary increments.

5. An amount of R 250-00 is required for printing diplomas.

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thammed Tikly and Patrick van Renaburg informed the meeting why other Bdatd members could not be present and Board will be principally through Chris Watters who is the Board's Secretary. Hbiever, Batlagae Trust is willing to facilitate liaison. The meeting was informed that efforts are continuing to localize the Board.

2. The financial statue or YET was outlined and the difficulty with raiaing tunda explained. 30 serious was the situation that the Board had decided to request the by the Board in the past had not been met and said that every effort will be made to provide essential needs, provided there are sufflCient funds. The main requirements are : te-hu 'ke, Maths sets, Science material, Sport equipnbht.and health items.

4. The previous discussion aha agreement. with the teachers on books, equi lent, syllabi and certification was covered age n.

5. The students expreHsed concern about money donated for a library. Patriavaan Rensburg said the money had been used for general a 'nditura , but money from future general donations w-ll go towards the library. The students also posed questions about trainee allowances, production unit incou'e a'nd-expenditure, travel allowances for students and health and welfare issues. It was agreed that student repreentatives should hsgef YET's accountant to review:audited financial statements.

6. A Commission of Inquiry has been set up by the PET on the stolen tools and aquiphent.

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7. Priority matters-io be tblowed up :-

1. Text books (first 2) ' PVR, HT.
2. Text books (others) ' pvn, HT, HA.
3. Science material . ; HT, AH, HA.
- 4 . Calculators HT , HA
5. Bdslness Studies teacher HA
6. Library donation PvR, HT, HA, Ln.
7. Trainee allowance PVR, LE.
8. Production Diploma _ RD, PvR.
9. ProduAtion.Budget : Ln, PvR, HT.
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11. Trainee Allowance - .'RR, RD

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Patrick van Rensburg and thanned Tilky net Hr. ubatha,
Permanent Secretarz, De. rtment of Education of the

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Kangwane Governnen 'tuo of his colleagues.

YET requested the Kangwane government to:- .

(i) take over K\$SC'and transfer it to the new Regional
Government after the hpril Election.

(ii) nominate local rosidents to KWSC Board.

(iii) retain the character of KWSC as an EH? Project.

(iv) persuade xznc to relinquish its contract of the
Mthinba property.

(v) appoint a director ot-Knsc

(vi) facuitate ms,...9&t#blishment of KWSC as an
exanznation centretz

Hr. Mbatha agreed to place our request before his
Minister. He said that it will take some time to respond
but that meanwhile Chris Wattera should finalise the
Agreement between YEr_ahd the Enngwane Government, so that
it can be signed betare handover to the new Regional
Government. '

Hr. Hhatha advised that YET should meet with KEDC
officials as up to discuss the lease agreement and
arrears.

The Kangwane Government, ur. "bathe said, considers the
Project worthy of turthbr BUFPOrt.

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RE: Seuss mMcHURCH AID v vomit EDUCATION TRUST

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DATE: 21 mummy: 199i

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.1 In 1989 YET established a school in ngwane referred to as KWSC which eithed to provide for the economic empowerment of the local community using the ctm'iculum developed (amongst other pines) at SOMAFCO.

' 2 With the unbanning in 1990 YET was prevailed upon (in 1991) to accept returnees which it agreed to do.

3 Swiss Interchurch Aid. (also hown- gm) on behalf ofthe Swiss Foreign Ministry agreed t6 fund in pan the-Wbingsof InturheeShto KWSC.

for R950 000.00 for about 2w (two hundred) reun'nces. Of the latter agreement 011131 11600 000.00 was waived; -

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5.1 What were the principles agreed upon between YET and HEKS? -

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5.2 What were the provisions in respect of accounting for the funds?

6 A more fundamental and older dispute exists between HEKS and YET in terms whereof :-

6.1 HEKS has sought to compel YET to admit some 100 (one hundred) youths to KWSC, HEKS insists the youths are remigrants. YET states, that the youths were not 'returnees' and that they in fact occupied the school closing it down temporarily between March and October of

1992. It has now a court order to eject them when the youths refused to listen to the ANC leadership to vacate the school;

6.2 ; HEKS is unhappy with the continued presence of two trustees on

YET: Board and wants them removed. It alleges they have vested interests in the affairs of YET and/or that they are accountable for administrative mismanagement inasmuch as they did not dismiss from the Board the Trustee who was mismanaging the Trust's affairs.

The Board is satisfied that both trustees have acted in the best interests of YET at, mm.

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7 HEKS and the Swiss Foreign Mhummy has in writing linked any agreement on the
issues in 5 to YET conceding on both-items in 5 11m.

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8 1 After protracted negotiations between HEKS and YET which started in June 1992
YET. thought .the mammas had been resolved when in October 1992 HEKS1
representative (Baumann) said she undelstuod for the nwd for and w_ould recommend
the cohlract amendments (referred to in 6) to the Swiss Foreign Ministry and that they
would let YET have their comments on the audited Emcial statement and debatement
submitted by YET in part1 accounting for HBKS funds.

9 InDecember1992HBKSwrotetoYETandmidthattheSwissForeignMinisu'y'
required a settlement on item 6 before it would discuss item 5.

10 In February 1993 m met with the Swiss Foreign Ministry and put its vasiou of ,
events. The Swiss Foreign Maxistry undertook to get back to YET stating it had for
the 11m time heard this versiouof events. To date 1: 11;: not.

11 In August 1993 and without'theme veins any further discussions between YET and
HBKS since December 9922" HBKS launched an application to_ court seeking an
ordel'" compelling YET to submit accounts for funds received and for it to pay over
any funds found to have been misnppmpxiated alternatively not used in terms .of the
two contracts.

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YET contends that it has accounted for the funds insofar as it is possible submitted further that it has not been possible yet to submit final audited accounts until there is agreement between HBKS and YET 'on how the funds were to have been spent. .
Further YET says HBKS cannot call for strict compliance with the contracts when HEKS's assistance in supporting the school's occupation cost YET a lot of money and frustrated the carrying out of the contracts properly.
'13 Annuempted settlement proposed and drafted by I-EKS attorneys and approved by YET) was recommended and sent to HEKS which stated yesterday (16 February 1994) that it was not prepared to negotiate. ' i
14 Prior to this there had been two apparent approaches to YET from HEKS to settle the case. Both approaches called for (amongst other things) the resignation of two Trustees in return for withdrawing the case. Given item 13 it is suspected that these approaches were not made in good faith particularly when HEKS was asked to confirm the proposal in writing but declined to do so. s
15 YET does not understand I-EKS's obsessive attitude in this matter. Despite its stated concerns about the former W's mismanagement, it has continued to fund projects run by the former trustee whom they complained about. Moreover Baumann has personally been sending funds to that ex-trustee. YET must not however afford to fight a protracted court case which HBKS seems determined to do. The school is in very real danger of closing altogether as HEKS's persistence is scaring off other donors (HEKS also paid for a court case brought against NCCR by two 'returnees' which i
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1 16 It is apparent that the Swiss authorities outside of HEKS and Ms Baumann are aware
.3 of this matter and have approved the litigation. It 18 not known hgwever whether they
are fully aware of both sides of the m and whether they have authorised a 'non-
negotiation" attitude - which does mum sense and can only be destructive. The ,
court yesterday (16 February 1994) urged. both sides to pegotiate a resolution.-
17 YET is deeply concerned to negotiate a reasonable resolution that addresses both
sidesh concerns and seek the. active assistance of the movement to rcsdlve this, if only
to save the school from closing within the next month or two.

DATED AT JOHANNESBURG ON THIS" .714 r' DAY OF MM -

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