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held an 5 November 1992
Present: Barbara WatSon (648 1030), Sr Margaret (648 1030)
Br Joseph (648 8203), Marc Gonsalves (373 2791),
Lottie Damhuis (453 6408), Betty Ngakane
(Home 318 1537), Mohammad Tikly (29 3338),
Jackie Stevenson (648 9154), Br Neil (648 1030),
Thembi Mutloatse (Home 648 6584), Susan Stroud,
1 0 Dawn Butler (648 9847) /h " h
'3 Other members: Sr Jenny Burton, Sr Cathy O'Gorman, 0Meq Pahad
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: Neil welcomed two new members: Mr Marc Gonsalves of
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SCI, and Ms Lottie Damhuls, SHC's accountant.
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2.1 Er Jo reported that he had arranged a meeting with
Mr Swain, Principal of Yeoville Boys School. He will be
accompanied by Lottie (to help discuss q_gggingggg_tgign,
by Barbara (to give information about the Polyclinic),
and by Jackie (to establish relations between the two
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schools).
2 J Peter Sadie's R.E. community students will start work on
ale hing up the field. Mahommed has suggested that we set
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up a committee to establish norms to control the field.
?.3 Br Neil referred to the revised E Jget for Dyera-lng Cagts
Eur the school. We are taping (hat fees can be aintained
at approximately R100 per month.
Br Neil also referred to 0 Barnato Park High Sc: v Mulch
mas raised funds to create a bursary pool to uelg families
whc have difficulty in paying their fees.
7.4 Mahtmed and Barbara are working on a segarate budget for
he Polvclinic. They will be presenting this to the
Eatlagae Trust meeting. It includes an early history of
the Batlagae Trust(s origins and concerns, i.e. aha Gf i
nitial aims was to deal with returnee Children's
educational needs as well as those of local South African
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The Polyclinic will need an Extra member of staff, a
copy-typist, to assist with the many axtessmeht ruports
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wh;ch professional staff will be PIDJ-t-Lg.
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2 F Br 50 reported that primary 5 has; parents and :ommunity
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supportive.

There will be two after-care facilities: one at the nursery school and one in the junior primary classroom which will be dedicated to this purpose.

Report 9n pgggrsss since last week's meeting

3.1 Br Neil reported that Dr Paine is away. However, Dr Teichler has indicated that we have 99% approval, and that we should go ahead in implementing our plans.

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The Edith Hind school project is still not a certainty, though it is a probability. Br Neil will try to confirm this matter next week.

The Working Group to deal with the Edith Hind project will be established at the Batlagae Trust meeting.

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4.1 Staffing: We need firstly to find the staff, ensuring that the teachers are the right kind of teachers for this school, as well as ensuring that their credentials are acceptable to the TED.

Teachers need to have language competencies to handle students who have difficulties with English, and be able to bridge students into English so that they can gain access to other inner city schools.

ACTION: Lottie agreed to confirm the situation with regard to continuity with pension funds and other benefits for these teachers who have previously been employed by other government education departments. It is important to establish and maintain personal contact with the education department officials.

Though it is possible that the school will extend to become a senior primary school in the future, at this stage we will select teachers who have particular skills in junior primary teaching.

We also need to ensure that there is a balanced staff, with men and women. It is important to have men teachers as professional role models. While it may be difficult to find men primary teachers, Mohammed mentioned that we should try to contact junior primary teachers who had been trained at Somafo.

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It was agreed to advertise for teachers in the Weekly Mail, the Sowetan, and The Star. Br Neil also mentioned that we should contact reporters at the news agency.

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In addition, we would invite applications from persons whom we know to be suitable. '

ACTION: Jackie, Br Jo, Moira de Greet, and Moha_ draw up the advertisement and place it. Costs will be borne by SEC as part of establishment costs.

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En olme t a d te tin

As agreed at our previous meeting, priority will be given to Batlagae students. The numbers of these students are increasing due to the fact that First National College is closing. At this stage, there are likely to be 60-80 'Batlagae students.

We have an obligation to place all Batlagae students, including those in Stds 2, 3, and 4. We will approach Yeoville Boys school and Observaforr ' s t to aEEEEEE_EEEEE_EEUaEEEE or, if necessary, we will establish a "bridging group" at Yeoville Community School. Also, as agreed before, students resident in the Yeoville or immediate geographical area will be given preference. Testing will be conducted next Saturday. The purpose of the testing is to establish a profile of students' abilities and needs _ rather than to select the best students .

ACTION: Student Selection Committee consisting of Jackie, Thembi, and Betty will select students.

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Budget

We need to find out exactly what is being provided by the TED. We understand that fgggig332_32g#gggtiggggx_will be provided but we need to know about textbooks and library facilities and books.

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uniform

Experience has shown that many families prefer to have uniforms, and that they are cheaper in the long run. However, we should obviously choose an inexpensive uniform.

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We will also need to design a badge.

ACTION: Uniform Committee - Betty, Thembi, Jackie plus one or two parents will make suggestions on a uniform. (Diltio

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It was resolved by those present that this Working Group should make a formal recommendation to the Batlagac Trust to proceed With the Polrclinic with effect from 1

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Mark (as representative of JCI) will begin discussions with other private companies, and will build up a network of supportive com anies. He will bring suggestions to the WorElng Group of ways in which the comEanies can be of support.

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Date of ngx; meeting

Thursday, 12 November, at-