

Extract taken from

Minutes of a Meeting of the Governing Body
of Lord Mayor Treloar College
Held in the Lower School
On 21st October 1985

(e) The Headmaster said the the College was playing a leading part in the formation of an association of the Non-Maintained Special Schools for Physically handicapped pupils, with a view to supporting common objectives and co-operating where possible. It is hoped that agreements can be reached on the elimination of unnecessary duplication of Courses and in Care Staff Training. The initial Meeting will be at the Upper School on Wednesday 6th November.

(f) Two of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools would be visiting the College on November 20th and 21st, but it was not yet certain how formal an inspection this would be.

(g) Two separate parties from the Berkshire Education Committee would be visiting the College within the next few weeks in relation to the possible closure of the Hephaistos School.

/85 (a) Head of Lower School's Report: In presenting his report Mr. Maitland drew attention to the changing relationship between the sizes of the slow learning and main stream classes in the Primary Form, which was being watched with great care.

(b) Head of Upper School's Report:

(i) Mr. Cocksedge drew attention to the table in his report which showed that teachers are spending an increasing amount of time in classroom contact with pupils, thus allowing them less time for preparation and for study of impending curricular changes.

(ii) At Mr. Cocksedge's invitation Mr. Beyfus gave a brief report on a visit to Israel which he had recently led.

'85 Appeals Director's Report:

(a) The Governors agreed that a very generous donation from the Sir Jules Thorn Trust should be marked by suitably naming the Motor and Home Maintenance Room in the Traill Building.

(b) The Appeals Director said that he hoped to hear soon from the Variety Club that they would make a significant contribution towards the cost of the Therapy Centre.

85 Teachers' Salaries: (Mr. Beyfus withdrew from the Meeting during the discussion of this item, together with Mr. Cocksedge and Mr. Maitland). In view of the delay in reaching a National Agreement on the current Teachers salary claim, it was agreed to pay our teachers an interim 5% increase (backdated to the 1st April) with their salaries at the end of November: this payment would be an advance on the National settlement which would undoubtedly be rather larger and should be reached in the New Year.

85 Medical Matters :

(a) Dr. Tomlinson presented her report, which had been circulated to the Governors, together with various papers on the subject of AIDS. It was generally agreed that the report was of considerable interest and gave a clear indication of the very large amount of dedicated work that was performed in her department.

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(b) Dr. Whitfield highlighted the main effects of the present situation with regard to AIDS, and emphasised that although the large majority of haemophiliacs are carrying the antibody, indications are that very few of them will develop AIDS. Heat treatment of donated blood, and blood products derived from it, meant that there would in future be virtually no risk of infection from blood transfusion or Factor 8. In the very long term, the possibility existed that a vaccine might be found to prevent, or even cure, the disease. Until such time as this vaccine was available, the risk is twofold :-

(i) through accidental contact with infected blood; in this respect the College's present strict precautions are as good as possible, and have been extremely effective in the past with regard to Hepatitis.

(ii) through intimate sexual contact, which could be a particular problem at the College because of the presence of girls who know that they have a short expectancy of life, and may therefore be prepared to accept the risk.

(c) In general discussion it was agreed that there must be no ostracism of haemophiliacs at the College, and that the Headmaster's policy of keeping everybody concerned as fully informed as possible was producing the required results, in eliminating unnecessary panic and alarm among staff, pupils and parents.

85 Date of Future Meetings:

(a) The Meetings on 24th February and 23rd June were confirmed.

(b) It was agreed that the Autumn Term Meeting would be on Monday 20th October 1986.

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