

High School
4 May 1888

Sir Wm Lawson
Dear Sir

In reply to your note asking for the original minute of the resolution to re-establish the girls' High School I have to say that I do not find any minute which contains such a resolution, but I send you a number of extracts from the minutes which show how the school came to be re-established. I also send the report of the Commissioners to which you allude.

The first mention of the girls' High School is as follows. At a meeting 4th Feb'y 1874 at which Mr Jenkins, Canon Bancroft, Mr Macvicar, Mr Dawson & Mr Lunn were present,

"Mr Dawson brought forward the subject of the girls' High School. A Committee was appointed of Mr Dawson, Mr Macvicar & Mr Lunn to seek out & make enquiries as to a suitable site for the same & to suggest to the Board a plan of operation for the same."

At the next meeting 28th Feb'y at which the same five Commissioners were present,

"Mr Dawson on behalf of the Committee upon the girls' High School submitted their report for the organizing of the same. The Board ~~report~~ received the report. Took the same into consideration."

At the same meeting "Mr Lunn reported that, in presenting a consultation with the Board, he had purchased at auction, with the approval of the Chairman, Burnside House & the two lots it stands on, @ 80^s per foot

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making \$8500, as a desirable site for the girls' High school.

The Board approved of the purchase. This property was disposed of subsequently & the present lot purchased & the buildings erected.

At a meeting on 27th May at which Dr Macvicar was not present, but Mr F. Hay was.

The Chairman stated that in conversation with several members of the Board it had been suggested that a High School for girls might be opened in the approaching session in a temporary building. He had requested the Inspector to make inquiries as to the expenses, the securing of teachers and the accommodation. From Mr Robins' report it appears that it would be possible to secure teachers and also a prospect of a suitable building. It was resolved that the Chairman & the Inspector should prepare an estimate of the probable expenses of the working of such a school, and what income might be expected, so that the Board might judge how far the plan could be carried out.

Whereupon a Committee of the whole was appointed to meet on Saturday 29th inst at 2 1/2 p.m. to consult further upon this matter.

At the meeting of 21st June following, at which all the Commissioners except Mr Hay were present. The Chairman laid the

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following report of the Committee on the girls' High School before the Board

- (1) That it has leased the premises 131 and 133 Metcalfe St. of Mr Theodore Hart, at \$1400 per ann. & has begun to make necessary alterations to adapt it for use as a school.
- (2) That it has secured the services of the following teachers: Mrs John Scott, Lady Principal \$1600, Miss Blumens, Languages, \$600 - Miss Hart Mathematics \$500 - Miss Henderson, English, \$450, Miss In Lee, 3rd Class Prep'y, \$350 - Miss Christer, 1st Class Prep'y \$350 - Mr Harrison, Instrumental Music - Miss Weeks, Instrumental Music, Mr Vout, Vocal Music.
- (3) That negotiations have been begun with a view to the appointment of Mr Murray as teacher of Classics, Mr Kelley as teacher of Eng. Lit. & Language, Mr Andrew, Elocution, & Mr Barnum Calisthenics.
- (4) That they have decided to open the school on Wednesday 1st day of Sep. next.
- (5) That the fees recommended to be paid in the High School be \$50 per ann.; & for the Prep'y be \$40 per ann. with no extra charges other than for instrumental Music & advanced drawing. Fees payable in advance quarterly.

The report was adopted "

Hoping that these extracts may serve your purpose

I am yours obediently
E. W. Corby.

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