Approval Document for Sai Basundhara

Discussion during conference call

Eight of the Asha Purdue volunteer present during the conference call with Sai Basundhara. The purpose of the call is to discuss a budget proposal for 2018 and get project updates. In the conference, the new director of the Sai Basundhara project gave an update on the project, utilization of the funds and future directions. He discussed the new government policy change that has created a new challenge for the organization. Snighdha aunty discussed the ways to overcome that challenge. In the conference call, we also discussed the hiring and retention of the qualified, motivated and competent teachers. The new director said he is working towards it and have a plan for hiring/volunteering retired lecturers and professors.

We conducted a poll to decide on funding the proposed budget for 2018. Sixteen out of sixteen volunteers voted ‘Yes’ for the funding. In the proposed budget, there was a request from Snighdha aunty to use remaining fund (Rs. 1,17,786.00) from the last year for a washing machine (mainly to wash the bedsheets and mosquito nets.), an aquaguard, some fans, bulbs and, dress materials for school uniforms. We discussed this at our meeting and decided that the remaining fund can be used for buying the aquagaurd and the remaining amount will be used for teachers’ salary.

Below is the summary of the funding decision:
1. Do you approve continued funding of SAIS Basundhara project for year 2018?

16 responses

- Yes, I approve funding of SAIS Basundhara project.
- No, I have some issues and concerns with the project.
- I am not sure, I need more information/discussion

2. Which line items of budget you approve?(Total budget for 2018
Questions:
1. What is the need to keep non orphan kids in the hostel? Wouldn't it be better to let them live at their place and commute daily. The point is to efficiently allocate the available resources (which I'm sure they're doing, but I want to know their rationale/point of view)
2. Now that Basundhra is accepting kids outside the recommendations of CWC, what steps are being taken to ensure that the screening process is fair and transparent?

Of the unused funds from last year, it should be either used to fund for budget 2018 or could be used to hire teachers with increased salary to improve teacher retention.

We need to talk about the remaining funds from previous year. Also see if we have to send the balance amount or do something else.
Full funding approved with the condition that old remaining money be used for salaries as well. How to use as salary can be discussed.

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