Minutes, Asha Meeting, 7/13/11

Attendees: Vinod, Kiran, Nikunj, Sachin, Anshu, Reshu, Ashok, Vivek, Madhu, Protima

On the phone: Prerna

SES School Presentation

Site Visit report and budget presentation: Kiran

 Visited March 2011:

School for underprivileged kids in urban school

256 students, LKG to 10th std.

they don’t have a proper building, try and manage a few classes together.

No playground because in an urban area.

16 teachers, 6 are really qualified with MA, Mphil etc.

some teachers are working voluntarily

learning levels of the kids are not high but the kids are enthusiastic about learning.

Medium of instructions from the beginning is English

School retention is a problem right now-poor infrastructure, poor quality of school teachers, no way to sustain the teachers who are senior in rank.

School is interested in ABL training-not expressed by the school but it is something we can give them an idea on.

For now the kids use Music and Arts for downtime from school work.

The school may want to outreach to local universities to get more facilities or more assistance.

The project has to work towards getting complaint with RTE Act which requires all schools to be registered and have certain minimum facilities.

They need a science lab and a computer lab.

Why are the government schools around the area not working? The answer perhaps may not be with Mr. Kanakaraju.

Does SES supply uniforms for the kids?

Some pictures were shown of the schools, the teachers and the classrooms

What is our exit strategy for this school? There are 256 kids right now with 10 rooms and 15 teachers, who were are not able to pay-what is the school’s plan to sustain the school?

The founder’s plan is to try and get the school converted into a government school.

The school has been told by the Stewards that they should try and find other ways to sustain the school and the school has said that they are trying to do other fundraising but have their hands full with stuff.

We should have a clear plan for the school where we offer them an incentive to find a way to sustain themselves-perhaps we try and reduce funding each year?

We should create a plan for the school where we work with them to find way to sustain themselves

We should focus on the kids in the school rather than the school itself.

School has permission to run classes from standard 1 to standard 10 and now they have to find a way to get full recognition.

Current budget is about 20% odd percent more than last year but he removed the Arts, Crafts, Music teachers and the computer Instructors

We have to convey to them that we are cutting budget by 20% based on last year’s budget and also give them an idea that our plan is that to give them an idea that next few years we will be reducing the budget by a certain percentage.

Create a thread on chapter list about what is our plan going forward and come up with a plan.

Yes – Madhu, Radhika, Vivek, Sachim, Kiran, Pinkesh, Nikunj, Prasanna, Neehar (90)

No- Vinod, Anshu (2)