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Chapter meeting minutes

Attendees: Megha, Kirthi, Protima

Isha Vidyalaya

The school is out of the city and is an elephant corridor

There are 698 kids and we support 80 kids

Total Isha Vidya school has 3000 kids

75% of the children are first generational learners

There are a lot of tribal children who get free meals and free transportation

Have you considered starting the process to make it a SAC project

The school has a goal of providing high quality education for kids who are going to these schools

The ratio if girls are higher than the boys and they also do an overall education not just reading writing and math.

The kids have library time, computer education, science lab

The school has been adding additional classes each year so the plan is to have a 10 th std class the next year

The teachers are being taught how to use the VSAT technology and digital equipment. The teachers had access to content from Everonn

Ramakrishnan a director from L&T donated some funds

Teachers are paid less than the government schools and this makes a lot of difference in teacher retention

Annual Budget

Last year we sent \$14,721 which is Rs. 10,000 per child

\$240 per child this year - include tuitions, books, uniform, notebooks

Megha will send s breakdown of the cost per child based on items

Budget requirement this year is \$19,200 - which is the same as last year.

Last year we didn't send the entire amount approved because of the conversion rate.

This year we will be sending them the same amount but they'll get a little more because of the conversion rate right now.

So the project will be compensated for less money sent last year

Poll question will include this information.

Look for Megha's email with the breakdown of the costs

Site visit is on the website

PUVIDHAM

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Operates a school in the rural tamil nada area

5 children took the 12 th board exams and passed with more that 50% marks

The kids get an environmentally sustainable courses like farming, biology and zoology

But the rains or lack of rain is a huge problem with the farming in school.

These kids came from a background of quarrying and it is sad that they are seeing their farming efforts fail thinking it was better off when they were quarrying

The school follows the curriculum that is built in the beginning of the year but they had to abandon that because of the lack of water

The project faces a huge challenge with the weather

Overall there are about 80 from UKG till 12th standard and 5 teachers

The breakdown is on the project report- salaries for teachers have been increased a little bit

Based on the past contributions, Asha London gave Rs. 2 Lakhs but they don't know how much for this year

The difference between last year and this year is Rs. 14,31,694- last year we went Rs. 11,41,28 out of which Rs. 2 Lakhs was taken care of by Asha London

Is there a possibility of increase in the budget or can we do what did last year

I believe that the budget increase should be advocated by the steward and the chapter is responsible for having the items discussed

Steward will send out a comparison in increase for budget and will send out the amount that Asha London approved and then set up poll for remaining amount

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