SANKALP SAHODAYA GENERAL BODY MEETING, SOUTH WEST B MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Date: 7th August 2024 (Wednesday)

Time: 2:30 pm

Venue: Central Academy International School

Members present: 22 members were present including Dr. Sudha Acharya (President), Dr. Manisha Sharma (Vice President), Ms. Archana Narain (Secretary) and Ms. Jaishree Nawani (Treasurer). The event commenced with the lighting of the lamp and Shlok uchcharan by the teachers of CAIS. This was followed by the melodious song by the teachers of CAIS.

1. **Welcoming of the new members:** New members were introduced by Ms. Archana Narain, Secretary, Sankalp Sahodya.

The new members introduced are:

- a. Ms. Gunjan Mehrotra, Principal, Basava International School
- b. Mr. John Rafi, Principal, Mount Carmel School, Anand Niketan
- c. Dr Jagpreet, Principal, Bal Bhawan International School
- **2. Discussion of books:** Dr. Sudha Acharya started the meeting by urging the Principals to encourage Pre-primary teachers to incorporate books like Anand, Anubhav and Unmukh in their classes.
- **3. NEP implementation:** Discussion on how far NEP has been incorporated in the schools. Suggestions were also given on how to implement it in effective way.
- **4. Jadui Pitara:** Principals were suggested to ask teachers to make their own Jadui Pitara, and schools can have exhibition to show case and exchange the innovative ideas.
- **5. Compendium of Question Bank:** Teachers to develop subject wise competency-based question bank, which can be shared within the Sahodaya group.
- **6. HPC, NCrF, Parakh:** Workshops should be organized to explain the importance of HPC, NCrF and Parakh to the teachers. HPC will help in identifying the skill of a child and will be attached along with the report card till class VIII. Credit points will be added to HPC.
- **7. Bagless days:** During 10 bagless days knowledge can be imparted through hands-on activities, interactive workshops and real-life experiences. Focus on experiential learning, making knowledge not just informative, but also memorable and impactful.
- **8. Internship:** Collaborating with various companies can provide invaluable hands-on experience to students. These collaborations can be structured to allow students to gain practical skills, understand industry standards and explore potential career options. ITL has already collaborated with Lemon Tree, Titan, Fortis for 15 days internship. Experience about farming can be given by taking students to a farm house in Gurgaon, who offer their place for such projects.

- **9. Seed Bags:** Students to make their own seed bag, it can also serve as meaningful token of appreciation to guests invited to the school.
- **10. SQAAF:** Principals should take SQAAF seriously as it not only guides school in enhancing their educational practices but is also essential for securing and maintaining affiliation and renewal of affiliation.
- **11. SAFAL:** it serves as a critical self-assessment tool, highlighting areas where improvement is needed.
- **12. Teachers athletic meet:** Principals were informed that this year Sahodya is going to have Teachers athletic meet. Principals were asked to plan more activities for teachers as well as Principals.
- **13.** Lakshaya Van: NGO Lakshaya Van has introduced a thoughtful initiative, '*Plastic lao*, shiksha pao', encouraging students to collect plastic from their homes and bring to school for proper disposal. To encourage participation, the NGO reward students with gifts, making the effort both meaningful and engaging.
- **14. IC3 Conference & Expo:** The Annual International Career & College Counselling (IC3) is held in August every year to bring together representatives from different fields for a collaborative dialogue on issues that prompts solutions in career and counselling practices.
- **15. PGTs of skill subjects:** It was suggested that PGTs of skill subjects can be shared amongst Sahodya schools.
- **16.** Sahodya Activities in school calendar: Principals should incorporate Sahodya activities in their school calendars to align their planning and collaboration with the group.
- **17. Share Resources and information:** Schools to share resources and information in the group so that everyone is benefitted.
- **18. Discussion on Bye-laws:** To maintain the integrity and effectiveness of the group, it's important that no one uses it for self-promotion. Principals who are not actively participating may be asked to leave, as active engagement is crucial for the group's success. Acknowledging messages is equally essential to ensure smooth communication and collaboration. Additionally, Principals should ensure that teachers are regularly sent to attend workshops, as these are vital for professional development.

The meeting concluded with a shared hope and commitment to taking the schools to greater heights.