

SBNN QUALITY ASSURANCE EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAMME.

WEST NYAKACH DIVISION QAF WORK REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2012

INTRODUCTION

This is QAF's detailed report for 2012 indicating all the activities that SBNN through the QAF was involved in with an aim of uplifting the education quality within West Nyakach Division.

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1.School visits

The 28 public schools of West Nyakach Division were each visited at least five times with the following objectives in mind-;

- To check the extent of teacher -pupil contact time.A properly and a professionally taught pupil/student will not fail to pass.In essence,there is no stupid learner,all learners are equal and only their degree of understanding differs.So a good teacher should always be willing to assist the slow learners in a friendly way.
- For motivational talks-To talk with and encourage teachers and pupils on the need to approach with a positive attitude any challenge that may affect their performance.
- For quality assurance assessment-This involved checking the extent of syllabus coverage,teaching methods,teaching and learning aids.Learners will enjoy learning in an environment which is friendly and conducive.They hate hostile environment which may in turn lead to truancy hence drop outs.The teachers therefore were advised to deal with learners with a lot of humility,love and empathy.

2. SMC elections (From 1st February 2012 to 6th March 2012)

The election of the school management committee is an exercise carried out annually in all the government owned schools as per the government policy .As an organization within the division and whose mandate is to ensure the quality of education and involvement of parents,teachers and all stake players in education,the SBNN's advice before and after the elections has played an important role in the management of the schools.This makes it very necessary for the organization to continue training the SMC members after each election to equip the newly elected members with the necessary knowledge as far as their roles is concerned. During the elections,the organization also explains to the parents who an SBNN representative should be and the roles he or she should play.

3.Meetings.

Various meetings were organized and attended by the QAF in collaboration with the SBNN Director.Such meetings were attended by SBNN-K representatives,SMC executives,SBNN-K board members.

During such meeting businesses transacted included-;

- a)Discussing the way forward for the implementation of quality education in schools .
- b)Sharing views with an aim of achieving the national goals of education.
- c)Solving/advising on the solution to any challenge experienced by any SBNN officer or representative while executing his/her duties.

4.Open Days(between 23/5/2012 to 12/7/2012)

This exercise was recently introduced by SBNN with an aim of-;

- a)advocating for unity among teachers ,parents and stake players for quality education.
- b)to sensitize parents to fully execute their parental obligation.

During this day the parents come to school to here from teachers the academic performance of their children ,pupils also tell their parents the challenges they do experience in learning.Has been witnessed,the occassion has been so fruitful and indeed many parents,teachers and learners have been helped or have got solutions to their challenges as far as learning is concerned.

Thanks to SBNN for such a bright idea to bring parents closer to their children in school.Something which is only done in secondary schools in this area.A need for a continuation of the same in our schools.

5.Workshops(between 25/6/12 to 10/8/2012)

Each school was to have three categories of workshops but due to time limit,the strike majorly, only the first two were carried out .The three categories included-;

- 1)Discipline and interactive teaching-from 25/6/12 to 18/7/12
- 2)Reading culture an talking classrooms.-from 19/7/12 to 10/8/12
- 3)Hygiene and games policy.It was partly done during the normal visits by checking conditions of latrines,compound,classrooms and partly measured during the SBNN sport tournament. So, this workshop was also generally done.

During the workshops,the interaction between the teachers and pupilks changes a lot,the pupils are observed to be more alert and taking part in all areas like cleaning,reading,acting and even playing.It helps to reduce the classroom boredom among learners.Those who appear to be slow learners also feel a sense of belonging and worth.Through the workshops ,teachers themselves leant the need of free and controlled learning among pupils.This will make learning enjoyable and real hence solving school drop outs and poor academic performance.

The most child friendly school was identified during the workshops.Creation of HIV/AIDS awareness was also done during the workshops.

6.Co-curriculum activities

SBNN ball games took all Saturdays between 2/6/12 to 11/8/12.All the 29 schools participated.All the 29 schools were grouped into 8.

The World Aids Marathon was held in Kisumu on 1st of December 2012 and 19 of our schools participated.

The objectives of having the co-curriculum activities were as follows-;

1. For career development.
- 2.For general body fitness.

- 3.To break classroom boredom among the learners.
- 4.To act as a forum for sharing views.
- 5.To motivate teachers,pupils and parents.

7.SBNN day 2012

The exercise was held on 19th of October 2012 at Onego primary school.Being a function carried out by SBNN annually,the main reason behind it is to-;

a)award the best performers in hygiene,games policy,reading culture,interactive teaching,talking classrooms and discipline.This motivates parents,teachers and pupils.

b)The day has also acted as a joint forum for sharing views.Various leaders are invited from provincial administration,Educationists,Unionists,Church leaders among others are normally invited to attend and give advice to teachers ,pupils,parents of West Nyakach Division.

c)The forum was also used to officially open the wonderful Child Friendly Development Centre(CFDC) by the Nyakach District Education Officer Mr. Cyrus Juma. The CFDC is a donation of SBNN Netherlands under the Directorship of Mr. Dirk J M Van Bunder. Within the CFDC, there is a bookshop where our schools have promised to order books from, cyber cafe ,offices(AEO and QAF) and a training room.

8.RECCOMENDATION.

There is need for open days to continue, it has played a very important role in promoting education quality in West Nyakach Division.

Training/provision of insets to teachers is of great value. The organization should continue with it. Teachers need to be frequently reminded on the current affairs especially due to the frequent changes of syllabus. Head teachers , teachers, ECDE teachers should be equipped with modern and current teaching skills.

More and frequent visits ,coaching and training of teachers, parents and pupils should continue. SBNN should continue with the meetings involving teachers, head teachers and SMC members. This has helped to make people alert and awake at all times. By being alert one is able to perform his or her duty well. This calls for a need to divide the division into two; QAF 1 for Bolo zone and QAF 2 to handle Kodingo zones. This will also solve the problem of job duplication by the two officers.

The organization should provide the centre with a bicycle to be used in short distances and other light duties.

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