**IWKEZI LEAD TEACHER PROJECT**

**BC SUPPORT FORUM 2015**

**Meeting 3: 27 July 2015**

**Place:** Blue Downs Primary

**Time:** 13h15 – 15h15

**No of teachers:** 13 (see register)

**Main Focus:** Open discussions about the application of basic concepts inside the classroom

**Handouts:** Teaching Model (A3) and BC Session Planner

**Evaluation:** The teachers who attended the meeting were all asked to complete a BCs feedback form. The form was used as a focus for discussion.

**Content of the meeting:** i) mediational teaching - refresher activity, ii) steps of the teaching model, and iii) a focus on teacher applications of the BCP in the classroom

**Comments:**

* The number of teachers had increased significantly since the last session. A couple of the teachers who attended the session had not yet been trained.
* The teachers seemed to have found the session interesting and beneficial - several teachers mentioned that they would try to implement some of the ideas gleaned during the session in their classes.
* A number of the teachers still seemed to require *some-to-a-lot* of support in terms of their understanding of the programme and its procedures.
* It took some time and encouragement for the teachers to start sharing their experiences, but by the end of meeting about half of the teachers had contributed.
* The experiences of teachers were varied and resulted in a number of discussions between the teachers. The following topics were explored in some depth: Colour and colour perception, shape and the identification of shape, teaching model and developing conceptual understanding, storytelling and vocabulary development.
* One of the teachers from Blue Downs invited us into her classroom after the session to see the integration of basic concepts in her teaching milieu. The classroom was a wonderful example of a visually rich, concept teaching environment – several of the photos taken during the visit were uploaded to the [Mediator Zone](http://www.basicconcepts.co.za/mediators/content).

**Recommendations:**

* Louis will add the new cell numbers of the teachers to the What’s App group and will occasionally communicate with this group.
* Tami will give Waadeah additional lists of teachers to contact for future meetings.
* The main focus of the last two sessions will be on number and letter.
* The teachers will be encouraged to make use of other support forums once these meetings come to an end.