Open Space Report: Seattle

As a convener, we would like you to put together a short report from your group describing the following:

1. Names of group members
   Joanie, Elizabeth, Teresa, Karen, Chris, Paty, Brenda, Susan

2. Issue/Topic/Activity
   Planning an English Language Program for Incoming Kindergartners
   Starting this summer, Mukilteo School District is beginning a week long, 2.5 hour day program for incoming Kindergartners who are ELL. Each classroom will have 1 mainstream teacher, 1 ELD teacher and an IA.

3. Highlights of Discussion/Recommendations/Next Action Steps:
   - Program will focus on incoming ELL kindergarten students
   - Questions, concerns and brainstorming:
     - Enrollment criteria – should the oldest child in a family have more priority than a child who has older siblings AND whose family is already in the school system?
     - Parent outreach: How do we contact hard to reach families? Visit apartment complexes with enrollment forms ready to be filled out. Check with Natural Leaders.
     - Parent information: Check with OSPI Early Learning Department. They have translated brochures that inform parents about skills their child needs to acquire to be successful in kindergarten.
     - Should we use school supplies as an incentive? Possible supply donations–Kids in Need and donorschoose.org.
     - Curriculum – English in My Pocket. Focus will be on literacy, numeracy and functional language.
     - Concern: With budget cuts, how can this program be sustained?
Food will be provided through the summer breakfast and lunch program.

4. Available Resources
   
   Classrooms
   Funding for the program

5. Follow-up requests
   
   None.

6. Next steps/Action Items/Recommendations

7. Please type in this report in one of the laptops and hand in this sheet. Thanks!