A Qualitative Exploration of Conflict Resolution in Educational Organizations in Pakistan

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Abstract

This qualitative study explored the strategies for conflict resolution in government and private educational sectors in Pakistan. The sample of ten participants (i.e., six females and four males) were selected through convenient sampling. The participants were selected from various cities (i.e., Gujrat, Wazirabad, Jalalpur Jattan) of central Punjab Pakistan. Semi-structured interviews were conducted with the help of interview guide. The results were analyzed by using thematic analysis by (Braun & Clarke, 2006). There were three main themes were 'emerging reaction to controversy, aspiration and intent, and dispute resolution'. The findings highlighted the importance of communication, listening, and considering alternative viewpoints in conflict resolution. The study provides valuable insights into the various factors contributing to workplace conflicts and emphasizes the importance of effective conflict management. Communication breakdowns, bullying or harassment, resource constraints, ambiguity in job roles, and a lack of teamwork are indeed common triggers for conflicts in many workplaces. Recognizing and addressing these issues can not only diffuse conflicts but also foster a more positive and productive work environment. In conclusion, by promoting understanding, collaboration, and proactive solutions, organizations can not only mitigate conflicts but also harness them as opportunities for growth and innovation. This study serves as a reminder of the significance of addressing conflicts promptly and strategically in fostering a healthy and thriving workplace culture.

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Introduction

Conflicts are a natural part of human interaction, especially in environments where diverse individuals come together with their own unique perspectives, experiences, and emotions. It's unrealistic to expect any organization, including schools, to be completely free of conflicts (Grammatikopoulos, 2022). The disagreements and conflicts within schools often arise from various sources, including blurred boundaries between job roles and interpersonal interactions (Chandolia & Anastasiou, 2020). Conflicts can sometimes be beneficial as they can lead to constructive discussions, creative problem-solving, and positive change within an organization (Grammatikopoulos, 2022). Chaudhary (2023) explained that conflicts in educational environments can originate from a variety of causes and manifest in both academic and non-academic dimensions. Some common sources of conflicts in educational settings are (students and teachers, between students, teachers, administrators, and other school staff, parents and school staff regarding issues such as student behavior, academic performance, disciplinary actions, or school policies and over school policies, procedures, and decision-making processes). It's not uncommon for educational institutions to have issues, unsolved grievances, and dissatisfaction among students, faculty, and administrative staff. These difficulties can arise from a variety of sources and affect different groups within the institution (Yidana, 2022).

Minor conflicts often benefit from quick resolution strategies that can be implemented immediately, on the other hand significant conflicts that cannot be quickly resolved through these immediate actions, engaging in structured discussions and communication is often necessary (Aamodt, 2016). Effective communication and the manager's role were found to be crucial on an interpersonal level. Engaged managers who exhibited transformational leadership, set clear expectations, and served as role models were good at managing and minimizing conflict. When managed effectively, conflicts can serve as opportunities for growth, learning, and innovation. The key lies in how conflicts are addressed and managed within the organization. Rather than trying to eliminate conflicts entirely, the focus should be on developing healthy conflict resolution mechanisms, promoting open communication, and fostering a culture of respect, empathy, and collaboration. The effective communication and strong leadership are vital in managing conflict within any organization (Almost et al., 2016).

Every organization have a documented conflict resolution policy that is crucial for any organization, including educational institutions. Such a policy serves as a framework for addressing conflicts in a fair, consistent, and constructive manner. Generally speaking, a policy like this would advise employees to try solving their own problems first. If that doesn't work, they can ask for outside assistance. Workers need to be trained on conflict resolution tactics, conflict avoidance tactics, and conflict causes. Resolving a quarrel requires both sides to feel less stressed and more trusted of one another (Aamodt, 2016).

Indigenous researches on conflict resolution have been studied in relation to different variables like personal attributes in corporate managers; personality types in future managers, analyze the strategies of conflict resolution in Pakistani schools. Ahmed et al. (2010), the researchers investigated how personality traits affect conflict resolution styles among future managers. They found a significant correlation between different personality types and the ways in which individuals handle conflicts. On the other hand, Basit and colleagues (2010) explored the strategies employed for conflict resolution specifically within Pakistani schools. Their findings highlighted the importance of fostering positive relationships between teachers and students, as well as among the students themselves, as a key aspect of effective conflict resolution in educational settings. However, the current study explored the strategies for conflict resolution in government and private educational sectors in Pakistan by using qualitative research design. Exploring conflict resolution strategies in both government and private educational sectors in Pakistan could provide valuable insights into how different organizations handle conflicts within their respective contexts. Qualitative research allows for a deep dive into the details of these strategies, capturing the perspectives and experiences of stakeholders involved. The current study holds significant implications for improving organizational climate, enhancing student learning results, encouraging collaboration and teamwork, lowering turnover and fatigue, and promoting equity and inclusion in educational institutions. By informing practice and policy, the study helps to create healthier, more supportive, and effective educational environments for all in educational sector.

Research Questions

The research questions are as follows:

1. What are the primary sources and types of conflicts that arise within educational organizations?
2. What are the key strategies and approaches utilized by educational organizations to address conflicts?
3. What role do leadership, communication, and collaboration play in facilitating effective conflict resolution within educational organizations?
4. How can educational organizations foster a culture of proactive conflict management and resolution?

Method

The aim of this study is to set out the methodological approach undertaken to discover an individual's personal experience about conflict resolution in workplaces. A thematic analysis approach was used to conduct the study. Using thematic analysis in qualitative research is a common method for identifying, analyzing, and reporting patterns or themes within data.

Participants and procedures

Different sampling approaches have different underlying theories that are based on the goals and inquiries that guide the research (Punch, 1998). In choosing the sample of participants in current study purposive sampling was used and sample of ten participants were selected conveniently. The use of purposive sampling suggests that careful consideration was given to selecting participants who could provide valuable insights into the topic of conflict resolution in workplaces. Each participant was likely chosen because they possessed characteristics or experiences that were deemed essential for addressing the research question effectively. The participants were taken from different workplaces such as both private and government education sectors. Total participants were ten of which four were males and six were females and detail is as follow.

Table 1

Sociodemographic Characteristics of the Participants (N=10)

Variables	Levels	*f*	%
Gender			
	Male	4	40
	Female	6	60
Residence			
	Rural	0	
	Urban	10	100
Socio economic status			
	Upper		
	Middle	10	100
	Lower		
Education			
	MA	6	60
	Mphil	4	40
Organization			
	Business firm	2	20
	Educational institute	8	80
Age			
	30-40	3	30
	41-50	6	60
	51-60	1	10
Experience			
	5-10	4	40
	11-15	2	20
	16-20	4	40

f=frequency, %=percentages

Instrument for Data Collection

Conducting semi-structured interviews with the help of an interview guide is a common approach in qualitative research, especially when exploring complex topics like personal experiences with conflict resolution. An interview guide consisting of open-ended questions intended to elicit thorough responses from participants. These questions may have covered many areas of conflict resolution, including as participants' experiences with workplace conflicts, conflict management practices, and perceptions of organizational support for conflict resolution.

The open-ended questions in an interview guide during the interviews gave participants room to elaborate on their answers and provide a detailed account of their feelings, ideas, and perceptions. With this method, participants are encouraged to provide in-depth, complex thoughts about their experiences resolving conflicts. The questions about conflict are: "How often conflict arises in organization?", "what are situations or challenges that cause conflict in workplace? "Did you strive for a complete and genuine resolution of conflict rather than setting for a temporary agreement?" What strategies you use to solve conflict in workplace?" etc. These questions were asked from each participant in a language that the researcher believed was clear and relevant to them (Bryman, 2004).

Analysis Plan

The interviews were audio-recorded and then transcribed by the researchers. The thematic analysis approach was used to analyze the data (Braun & Clark, 2006). In qualitative research, assuming an insider perspective entails taking on the participants' perspective in order to comprehend their experiences, viewpoints, and interpretations of particular events on a deeper level. The process of analyses began by familiarization of data by thorough reading of the interview transcripts and generate initial codes. Afterward, themes were identified by grouping codes together based on commonalities and trends. Then the themes were reviewed and ensure that they are accurately reflect the data. The next step was to clearly defined and given the name to each theme. Finally, the final themes were synthesized, often supported by narratives from the interviews to illustrate key points.

The study illustrated the following major themes:

- Reaction to controversy
- Aspiration and intent
- Dispute resolution

Main Theme One: Reaction to Controversy

There are three further subthemes of reaction to controversy: Initial response (The first action taken in response to a conflict, such as avoidance or confrontation), emotional responses

(that include coping with emotions during conflict, such as anger, fear or frustration), and Conflict escalation (Ways in which conflicts can escalate, such as through poor communication or power imbalances).

Subtheme One: Initial Response

The initial responses can help individuals and organizations navigate conflicts more effectively by choosing appropriate strategies based on the nature of the conflict and the desired outcomes. When participants are initially asked about conflict, their responses to conflict are deeply influenced by a variety of factors, including their past experiences, beliefs, and attitudes. they respond in different ways depending on their experiences, beliefs, and attitudes. Here are some common initial reactions given by participants when they were asked about conflict. Some of them show discomfort and unease when they were asked about conflict. They might try to deny the existence of conflict or try to change the subject. Some consider it as unimportant or insignificant. They said that it's not so important to think about just ignore and it will resolve on its own. The account revealed that:

"I just ignore and play dumb if conflict arises. I don't think that's important topic. According to me if you ignore it then it will resolve own its own. Ignorance is the best way to survive." *(Participant 3)*

The respondent's narrative revealed that we should adopt the strategy of avoidance when it comes to conflict resolution. Avoidance can be a natural response to conflict, especially if it feels overwhelming or if there's uncertainty about how to address it. But most of participant said that its very important to understand and give importance to conflict and to talk about conflict resolution because it's a concept that can disturb normal functioning the perspectives shared by these participants highlight the significant impact that conflict can have, especially in the workplace. Unresolved conflicts can create tension and hostility in the workplace, affecting morale, teamwork, and productivity. Some other added that while conflict may initially seem disruptive or uncomfortable, addressing it proactively is essential for maintaining a healthy work environment, promoting employee well-being, and sustaining organizational success. Some said that in workplace if conflict arises its necessary to do understand about the reason about conflict

and resolve it as soon as possible otherwise if conflicts go unaddressed, they can disrupt workflow, impede decision-making, and lead to inefficiencies. By resolving conflicts in a timely manner, organizations can minimize disruptions and maintain focus on their goals and objectives. One of the respondent added that it will affect the work environment, mental health and it might result in loss in interest in going for work and said:

"I think people take conflicts very lightly, but it shouldn't be taken lightly. We should talk about it. It's necessary to understand the reasons that lead to conflicts. If we ignore it and say it will resolve itself, it won't. Instead, it will lead to many problems like disturbing mental peace, discomfort at the workplace, and most importantly, you won't feel like going to work, which will ultimately affect your performance output." (Participant 1)

Subtheme Two: Emotional Response

The emotional responses to conflict and its resolution can vary widely among individuals. Here are some common emotional responses that participants may exhibit when confronted with conflict. The range of negative emotional responses highlights the complexity and sensitivity of conflict situations. Some of the participants showed the emotions like fear of confrontation, anger or frustration by remembering the conflict and feel upset, sadness or regret this reflect negative impact because of unresolved issue, fear of judgment, avoidance and many more negative responses. One of the participant added that:

"I remember when I stared job. I was not aware about bullying and all that. My colleagues tried several times to bully me like they misguide me, create negative image about my boss and always point out or highlight about my flaws. Even if I have done my work correctly they insult me and make me do over work. When I complain about all this to my coordinator. she used to say. "Oh come on it's just for fun relax" But it was very difficult for me to bear, I was too much disturbed. I started to feel uneasy so I left that job." (participant 8)

Workplace bullying can have serious consequences for individuals' mental health, job satisfaction, and overall well-being. The participant added her negative experience of leaving the job due to workplace bullying and suggested that coordinator should have taken this issue

seriously and addressed the situation appropriately. However, some other participant added that they are feeling of relief, and hope when conflicts or long-standing issues are addressed in the workplace. The respondent added that:

"Finally! Finally, I am so happy someone talks about the issue of conflict resolution at workplace. This needs to be heard." (participant 7)

The significance of proactive conflict resolution and cultivating an environment of transparent communication, compassion, and cooperation in organizations is highlighted by these affirmative affective reactions. Organizations may foster a sense of mutual respect, trust, and belonging among their workforce by giving employees' perspectives and experiences priority and resolving issues in a constructive manner.

Subtheme Three: Conflict Escalation

The reasons for conflict mentioned by participants encompass a wide range of factors that can contribute to tension and discord in the workplace. When asked participants, they added that misunderstandings of intentions, unresolved issues or grievances, varied work styles, personalities, communication preferences, and approaches to problem-solving, competition for resources or recognition, ambiguity or inconsistency in roles, responsibilities, or expectations can create confusion and frustration, gossip or rumors. Poor leadership or management practices, such as favoritism, micromanagement, or lack of communication, bullying or harassment etc. The narrative of respondent elaborated that:

"People need to understand that there should be effective communication between employee and higher authorities. Listen to everyone before taking any decision." (Participant 4)

The participants discussed that conflicts in educational settings requires a multifaceted approach that involves promoting open communication, fostering positive relationships, implementing effective conflict resolution strategies, and creating a supportive and inclusive school culture. By proactively addressing conflicts and promoting constructive dialogue, schools can create environments where all members of the school community feel valued, respected, and supported in their educational journey. Addressing these underlying reasons and establishing a

culture of open communication, respect, and collaboration can help firms prevent conflicts from developing and build a happy and productive workplace for all employees.

Main Theme Two: Aspiration and Intent

Understanding aspiration and intents is essential in a variety of situations, including personal relationships, professional settings, and resolution of conflicts. It enables us to get significant insights into the motivations and goals that drive people's actions and decisions. Following are the sub-themes of aspiration and intent. These include desired outcome, intentions and aspiration.

Subtheme One: Desired Outcome

Understanding the desired outcomes for workplace conflict resolution is critical for finding mutually beneficial solutions and building healthy team connections. It includes the goals and outcomes desired by each party to the conflict. Participants described the outcomes they want in conflict resolution. Most of them claim that conflict resolution should be done in a fair and timely manner, improving communication and understanding of the parties, increasing employee satisfaction and engagement, mutual acceptance, determination to change behavior. Whether it was an employee or a higher authority, everyone was ready to separate from each other if a solution to the conflict was provided by the other side.

"I will definitely work hard if my opinions were considered." (participant 6)

Motivation and engagement at work can only be fostered when one feels appreciated and respected for their thoughts. People are more inclined to put forth their best efforts and work toward common objectives when they are aware that their contributions are acknowledged and treated seriously. Individuals and organizations can collaborate to create a positive and productive work environment where conflicts are addressed constructively, relationships are strengthened, and everyone can contribute to shared success by identifying and prioritizing these desired outcomes for conflict resolution.

Subtheme Two: Intention and Aspiration

Understanding individuals' motivations and willingness to resolve conflicts is crucial for effectively managing and addressing workplace disputes. The participants' mindsets regarding conflict resolution provides valuable insights that inform the development and implementation of effective resolution strategies. The participants want to resolve conflict or were motivated to resolve for seeking justice, avoiding loss, creating healthy work environment, improving relations, trust building and increasing the productivity. The participants added that:

"As a coordinator, I take it as a responsibility to resolve issues as soon as possible, so that my subordinates can understand that 'they are very important to me' and trust is maintained. Before making any decision, I consult with my team members...and after discussing with them, I get a lot of information and it helps me a lot." (participant1)

"I feel like my boss does not care about our issues, he only cares about his work and only resolves problems related to work, nothing else." (participant 3)

Some of participants were of higher post they believe that people spend most of their time at workplace so it's necessary to work with coordination and help them with every issue they are facing. Supporting employees with the challenges they face, whether related to work or personal issues, can contribute to their overall well-being and productivity. This approach aligns with the idea of holistic support, recognizing that addressing various aspects of individuals' lives can positively impact their mental health and overall quality of life. In contrast to that, some other participant's storylines showed that they had negative experiences that lead them to believe higher authorities prioritize their own benefits over the well-being of their employees. He added that:

"My head thinks of me as a robot and want me to work so that their company can have well recognized name ...selfish no humanity and greediness. No appreciation." (participant 3)

Main Theme Three: Dispute Resolution

Below are the emergent themes on the dispute resolution that are Processes (identifying the issue, gathering information, and finding a solution) and Outcomes (settlement, verdict, or agreement.)

Subtheme One: Processes

The participants highlighted the two primary methods to resolve conflict that are mediation (third party involvement) and two-way communication or active communication (the exchange of information and ideas between two parties it includes active listening). Participants in dispute resolution procedures frequently have differing degrees of interest in and opinions about the efficacy of various techniques. The participants explained that:

"As a head, I always try my best to resolve conflicts. Just like when there's an issue between two people, I sit them down and talk to them, and also gather information from others who were present at the time. After getting all the information, I talk to each of them separately, and if necessary, I bring them both together to resolve the matter." (participant 9)

When participants were asked about the processes and tactics to solve dispute, some of them said that first you have to understand the actual problem and then gather information about it so that you can solve it properly. Some of them said through negotiation mostly said through compromise. Mostly said it is very important to solve it, but couple of them have contrary standpoints. The participants said:

"In a country where we are living, you might think you can resolve your issues... just with words. But no one is willing to listen, they only care about work, regardless of your relationships, you have to work for them. When they're in a good mood, they'll resolve issues on their own." (Participant 5)

"I don't think that just talking can solve anything, but still, when matters are about to get resolved, they do get resolved, whether someone makes an effort or not." (Participant 3)

The storylines shoed that some settings may be a need for a cultural shift toward emphasizing open communication and empathy alongside productivity. It could include activities such as conflict resolution training, cultivating an active listening culture, and encouraging staff to value connections and understanding. However, if the current culture is primarily focused on job productivity, it may be crucial to find ways to work within those restrictions. This could include developing rapport at times when people are more receptive, selecting the proper time to address difficulties, or establishing other routes of communication, such as written proposals or a trusted mediator.

Subtheme Two: Outcomes

The participants thought communication and negotiation were effective approaches for settling problems. Through open debate and negotiating, they were able to identify common ground and negotiate agreements that addressed at least part of their concerns or interests. This emphasizes the necessity of clear communication and a willingness to negotiate in dispute resolution processes. This can lead to improved relationships, increased understanding, and a sense of fairness. However, some have contrary responses.

"My boss tries his best to make me understand, no matter what happens, he shouldn't be blamed... He's a strange person, sometimes he's okay and listens to me, but sometimes he doesn't listen to me at all. My heart wants to quit this job because of this, and I'm convinced that "What is a servant and what is a dispute."(participant 3)

Negative feedback can sometimes lead to participant dissatisfaction especially if they believe their issues were not fully addressed or if they see bias or injustice in the process. This dissatisfaction may originate from a sense of being misunderstood or unfairly handled, which might influence their overall opinion of the dispute resolution process. It emphasizes the necessity of fairness, transparency, and effective communication throughout the resolution process in order to alleviate such feelings and increase the possibility of successful solutions for all parties involved. Moreover, analyzing negative feedback is critical to enhancing the dispute resolution process. You can implement targeted improvements by identifying the root causes of unhappiness, whether they are procedural flaws, a lack of resources, or fundamental problems.

This could include examining and improving the tactics employed in the resolution process, giving more assistance or resources to participants, or addressing any systemic issues that contributed to dissatisfaction. Taking proactive actions to address concerns and improve the effectiveness and fairness of the conflict resolution process can result in improved outcomes and increased satisfaction for all parties involved. However, another respondent highlighted that:

"I try to be completely fair in this matter, so that no one is wronged, because we will also have to die one day and don't want to face complaints of injustice... So, I try to remove the middle path that exists between the two parties."(participant 9)

The accounts revealed that fairness, openness, and open communication are necessary for efficient conflict resolution, as is a close examination of the interests and viewpoints of each party. A supportive setting for finding compromises is created by attentively listening to and comprehending all parties' interests and points of view. While not every decision is ideal, committing to productive conversation and finding common ground usually generates better results over time. Finally, it's about valuing both the process and the outcome, realizing that respectful participation and a desire to collaborate are critical factors in developing effective resolutions that please all parties involved.

Discussion

The findings obtained have been discussed in the light of the literature and findings of the researches. The current study revealed that it can be appealing to use avoidance as a conflict resolution strategy, particularly when disagreements seem overwhelming or there is confusion about how to resolve them. However, it doesn't address underlying problems and might even cause them to worsen over time, even though it may provide brief respite. The researches also suggested that teachers in academic setting tended to avoid confrontation by employing the coping strategy of "keeping themselves away from conflict" (Habiba et al., 2021). In contrast to this Chandolia and Anastasiou (2020) suggested that it is interesting to note that school administrators less commonly displayed avoidance. The results also explored that addressing conflict proactively demonstrates a commitment to open communication, mutual respect, and problem-solving within the organization. It allows employees to feel heard and valued, fostering

a sense of trust and collaboration among team members. The empirical findings of a study also suggested that constructive conflicts can have several positive outcomes, including (i.e., improved relationship between group and individuals, better understanding of organizational problems) (Shanka & Thuo, 2017).

The findings of the current study suggested that emotional responses can vary from person to person in conflict resolution. The previous studies suggested that interpersonal conflict is a dynamic process when individuals experience negative emotions due to perceived conflicts and interference with achieving goals (Barki & Hartwick, 2004). Task disagreements became emotionally charged interpersonal conflicts due to rudeness, blaming, bad moods, and harsh language use (Rogers et al., 2011). The interpersonal conflict can be addressed with effective communication which improves problem-solving abilities (Almost et al., 2016). In order to communicate, people must own up to their roles in causing conflict and be open to finding solutions (Brown et al., 2011). The finding of this study suggested that collaboration can be a powerful tool in preventing conflicts and fostering a positive work environment. Shariq et al. (2022) explored that collaboration integrates both high assertiveness and cooperativeness is crucial for effective conflict resolution and problem-solving and validating the concerns of all parties. Moreover, they suggested that a collaborative approach promotes shared goals, fosters high-quality solutions, and increases partners' trust in effective collaboration (Shariq et al., 2022).

The participants of the current study suggested that resolving conflicts should be done fairly, quickly, and with an emphasis on mutual acceptance, enhanced communication and understanding between the parties, increased employee participation, and a commitment to behavior change. In contrast to these findings, Grammatikopoulos (2022) suggested that school problems can stem from a variety of factors, including poor communication, lack of respect, high demands and lack of tolerance etc. Another factor that hindered conflict resolution was when people felt their concerns weren't taken seriously or weren't part of the decision-making process (Almost et al., 2016). According to Robbins and Judge (2012), negative consequences include increased suspicion, poorer team morale, misunderstanding, and lack of cooperation. On the

other hand, he found that identifying the true causes of conflict, effective communication, and establishing cooperation strengthen the relations among professionals at school (Grammatikopoulos, 2022).

The current study also suggested to resolve the conflict and found that open debate and negotiation are crucial components of effective dispute resolution processes. According to the findings, open discussion allows opposing parties to openly discuss each other's opinions and interests. Negotiation or mediation allows opposing parties to communicate their problems and interests in an organized manner and work toward agreements that meet their demands. Barsky (2007) suggested that negotiation involves two or more parties interacting to resolve conflicts. The previous studies added that conflict resolution methods include negotiation, bargaining, mediation, and arbitration (Kalagbor & Nnokam, 2015). Moreover, effective dispute resolution necessitates clear and open communication between the parties which is suggested by Pavlakis et al. (2011) that Conflict resolution involved sharing ideas and organizing meetings to resolve issues.

Conclusion

The research study aims to delve into how people perceive workplace conflict, whether they view it positively or negatively, and how it impacts relationships, teamwork, and overall productivity. It also explores strategies for conflict resolution, reasons behind conflicts, and their frequency in workplace settings. The study overall provides insight into the complex dynamics of conflict resolution in educational environments. The study uses in-depth qualitative analysis to uncover major themes and elements that influence how conflicts are managed and resolved in educational institutions. Most of the participants see conflict an important and unavoidable, and some of them did not pay any attention to conflict resolution. Communication, listening, and considering alternative viewpoints are highlighted as crucial in conflict resolution. Common causes of conflict include misinterpreting with higher authorities, workplace bullying, resource constraints, ambiguous job delineation, and communication barriers.

The findings emphasize the complexities of conflicts in these settings, highlighting the interactions between task-related disagreements and emotionally charged interpersonal

disagreements. Furthermore, the study found that negative behaviors including bad moods, rudeness, blaming, and using harsh language might increase conflicts, moving them from task-oriented to relationship-based. Furthermore, the study highlights the value of clear communication, open discourse, and a willingness to negotiate in dispute resolution processes. Allowing all parties concerned to share their ideas and concerns promotes transparency and allows people to have an active role in finding solutions. Furthermore, conflict resolution meetings provide structured forums for debate and negotiation, promoting the identification of common ground and the development of innovative solutions. In conclusion, conflict is inherent in collaboration and requires proactive solutions. Managing conflicts positively can enhance creativity and team performance. Ethical considerations were maintained throughout the study, including obtaining permissions and ensuring confidentiality. Overall, the study emphasizes the importance of understanding, collaboration, and solutions in resolving workplace conflicts effectively.

Limitations and Future Directions

The study encountered limitations, notably the small sample size, which limits generalizability and a larger and more diverse sample could provide a more comprehensive understanding of conflict resolution dynamics in educational organizations. Moreover, the study may have focused on certain types of educational organizations or geographic regions, limiting the findings' application to larger contexts. By adding diverse organizational arrangements, cultural standards, and educational frameworks may have distinct effects on dispute resolution procedures. In addition to that, researchers remained vigilant about bias, though complete elimination is impossible. However, using rigorous research methodologies like triangulation and different data collection procedures may help reduce bias. The current study focused on the opinions of certain stakeholders, like as administrators or instructors, while ignoring the perspectives of other interested parties, such as students, parents, or support personnel. Incorporating a broader range of perspectives may enhance the findings and provide a more comprehensive knowledge of conflict resolution dynamics.

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