Notes from a conversation between the director of the school and Travis Beye:

1) The director’s first choice as the site for the playground/learning space is the area measuring 12.7m x 20.5m (see revised site sketch). She is also open to the adjacent space measuring 8.17m x 13.5m being used.

2) The director would like the trees on the school grounds to remain as much as possible. She said it would be alright to remove the small tree with the tire at its base (see additional site photos, tree 4 in sketch) if it was necessary to provide more space.

3) Due to the shortage of teachers, the school has had to bring in teachers from faraway cities and towns. However, finding affordable housing is a problem due to the relatively high cost of living in the area (part of living in a tourist zone) coupled with teachers’ low salaries. This is an issue affecting schools all over Verón. The director’s goal is to build a small “casita” on school grounds to house one or two teachers between the area where the new basketball court will be built and her first choice as the site for the playground/learning space. It would require only a bedroom, small kitchen, and possibly a bathroom. Another advantage would be that if you wished to include a small garden as part of the learning space, the living quarters would allow the teachers/residents to tend the garden in the afternoons and on weekends. Note: This does not have to be a part of the initial design as time is a concern, but it is important to know what the school’s plans are for using the land. This could also be a later phase of a multiple-phased project and ongoing relationship to be completed in a subsequent trip.