The students at an elementary school in Milwaukee Wisconsin had no place to play after eating lunch. They complained to their parents that school was boring because they spent the day trapped inside like rats in cages. Their teachers understood the problem and tried to talk to an authority from the public school system about building a playground. The students waited but nothing happened. They even found an empty lot near the school that could be used as a playground. They told their teacher but he had no time to check into it. Eventually, the alderman’s secretary called the school and said there was nothing they could do because there were no funds in the city’s budget. When the teacher asked about the empty lot, the secretary said that the neighborhood wanted a grocery store developed at that site. The teacher told everyone the news and they got angry, gave up and went back to their lunches inside.

Please respond to the following questions, continue on the back if needed.

What is the issue?

What is the problem?

Why wasn’t the problem solved?

What would you do differently? Create an action plan with at least three steps.