



Meeting Record
Northamptonshire Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE)
held on Thursday 10 January 2019 at
One Angel Square, Northampton,
NN1 1ED at 4.30 pm

Present:

- Committee A: Morcea Walker (Chair) – United Reform Church; Chris Paddock – Humanism UK; Arthur Newbury – The Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints; Daniel Tabor – Northampton Hebrew Congregation; Sister Aidan Richards – Roman Catholic Diocese; Bhupesh Parekh – Hinduism; Harkirat Singh – Sikh Faith; Justine Davies – Secondary School Representative (NASUWT);
- Committee B: Julie Barke – Church of England;
- Committee C: Jenny Dixon - Primary School Teacher Representative (NEU);
- Committee D: Cllr. Wendy Brackenbury – LA Representative

Apologies:

- Committee A: John Flory – Religious Society of Friends; Saifullah Nasir – Muslim Faith; Daniel Tabor – Northampton Hebrew Congregation; Sister Aidan Richards – Roman Catholic Diocese
- Committee B: Val Griffiths – Church of England
- Committee C: Elaine Coe – Secondary Teacher Representative (NEU)
- Committee D: Cllr. Dudley Hughes – LA Representative; Chris Connearn - Head of School Effectiveness

Non Attendance:

- Committee A: Farnush Tanhai- Bahai Faith;
- In attendance: Amanda Fitton – SACRE Adviser; Sarah Oakman – LA Representative
- Clerk: Jane Hall

| Topic | Key Discussion Points | Action |
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| 1. Welcome and Introductions | The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting. | |
| 2. Election of Vice Chair | The Chair asked for nominations for Vice Chair. Justine Davies nominated Julie Barke as Vice Chair and this was seconded by Jenny Dixon. Julie Barke agreed to take on the role of Vice Chair. Jenny Dixon on behalf of the SACRE members thanked Justine Davie for her role of Chair over the last few years. | |
| 3. Declaration of Items on the Agenda | <p>There were no declarations of interest of item on the Agenda.</p> <p>The following interests were declared:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hakirat Singh was a Governor on the governing board of Northampton School for Girls • Morcea Walker was a Governor on the governing board of Northampton School for Boys • Julie Barke was a Governor on the governing board of St Peters CE Academy, Raunds | |
| 4. Approval of the minutes held on 1 November 2018 | The minutes were agreed as a true copy and signed by the Chair. | |
| 5. Matters Arising | <p>Jenny Dixon drew Members' attention to the matters arising she had sent to the Chair before the meeting which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What the situation was with regards to the list of resources. • Update on possible events. • Visits and Visitors to schools. <p>The Chair informed her that these would be covered under Item 7, Development Plan.</p> | |
| 6. Ratification of Terms of Reference | <p>The Chair went through the proposed changes to the Terms of Reference and apologised for these not being highlighted due to the fact that the NCC would no longer allow any photocopying to be done in colour.</p> <p>It was agreed that the clerk would update the Terms of Reference to include the statement on p.3 under each Committee C heading.</p> <p>Discussion took place on the timing of the submission of the Annual Report to be presented to Council. It was agreed that Sarah Oakman would produce a summary of the unvalidated GCSE and A level results and Amanda Fitton would get the validated results to go into the Annual Report and to keep the presentation of the Annual Report in the Spring Term.</p> <p>Amanda Fitton informed the members that she would be moving to an Annual Contract and would therefore only be working in term times.</p> <p>The Chair ask the members of each of the Committees to vote on the ratification of the Terms of Reference.</p> <p>The Terms of Reference were agreed by all Committees.</p> | <p>SO</p> <p>AF</p> |

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| | <p>Primary Schools and Secondary Schools it was an opportunity for faith/non faith groups to attend and to make themselves known to the staff of a school. All the children would need to be accompanied by a member of staff. The Chair reported that the event would provide a good opportunity to promote the work of SACRE and to look at what was happening in the County.</p> <p>Sarah Oakman reported that following the meeting on 23 January 2019 after having decided on the 3 topics to focus on at the next meeting a decision would be made. She reported that it was difficult to give a cost for the event until a decision had been made on what the event would be and the administration would done by her.</p> <p>Julie Barke stated that the event should be aimed at a year group with opportunities for Head Teachers to come without the children as in rural schools it was difficult to take out all the children. Sarah Oakman informed the members that she would circulate a timetable for members to look at and provide feedback.</p> <p>Julie Barke asked whether there was any way that SACRE members could go into schools to see and explore some of the RE work that was going on in schools. Amanda Fitton reported that SACRE members have the right to go into LA maintained schools and look at Collective Worship. Discussion took place on this. It was agreed that in the first instance Sarah Oakman and Amanda Fitton would look at this and at the next meeting bring back names of schools that SACRE members could visit.</p> | <p>SO</p> <p>SO/AF</p> |
| <p>8. Accord Recognition Award</p> | <p>2017 Accord Inclusivity Award. Amanda Fitton reported that Accord were looking for a school to be put forward for their Inclusivity Award and for a nomination form to be completed by 24 February 2019. In terms of criteria it was open to all schools and was about recognising outstanding commitment to Inclusion, cohesion and mutual understanding between those of different religions and faith. It was agreed that this could be promoted through the Friday Bulletin and Amanda Fitton would do a Summary on this to go into the Bulletin.</p> | <p>AF</p> |
| <p>9. Any other business</p> | <p>1. SACRE Conference: 22 May 2019 in Manchester. Amanda Fitton reported that she would like to attend the Conference the cost of which would be split between the four County Councils. Morcea Walker expressed an interest in going to the conference and Sarah Oakman would check the budget and follow up with her.</p> <p>2. SACRE Newsletter: Amanda Fitton asked members to email her any articles they would like her to include in the Newsletter by Tuesday 15 January 2019.</p> <p>3. Holocaust Memorial Day: Monday 28 January 2019. The Chair informed the Members that this would be taking place at 6.00 pm and circulated leaflets to the Members promoting the event. The theme was “Torn from home” and would be held at the Deco Theatre, Abington Square, Northampton. It was hoped that Thomas Becket School would be doing a presentation and Northampton School for Boys would also be doing a presentation in dance. The speakers include the Chief Constable and Leader of the Borough Council.</p> | <p>All</p> |

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| | <p>4. Holocaust Lecture. The Chair reported that this would be taking place at the Synagogue from 6.30pm/7.00 pm and that bookings needed to be done in advance.</p> <p>5. Holocaust Exhibition: Justine Davies reported that there was to be a 3 day Holocaust Exhibition at the SWAN shopping centre on 24, 25 and 26 January 2019.</p> <p>6. Meditation at the Northampton School for Boys on 23 February: Harkirat Singh reported that at this event there would be speakers from different faiths from across the County. He would forward the link to this event to Amanda Fitton to put in the SACRE Newsletter.</p> <p>7. Holocaust Memorial Day: Wendy Brackenbury reported as Chair of the East Northants Council she had 2 invitations to attend the Holocaust Memorial Day. The Chair agreed to extend the invitation to Chairs.</p> <p>8. Holocaust Lecture: The Chair reported that this event was being held at the University of Northampton and that she would send information on this to Amanda Fitton to include in the SACRE Newsletter.</p> <p>9. Second Language Festival: Justine Davies reported that this event would be taking place on 14 February 2019 in the Theatre at Northampton School for Boys at 7.00 pm with the focus on languages/culture and food and would forward the information on to Amanda Fitton to be included in the SACRE Newsletter.</p> <p>10. Indian Republic Day celebration: Bhupesh Parekh reported that the Wellingborough District Hindu Association would be holding this event on 27 January 2019 at 2 pm – 6 pm at the Hindu Community Centre and would forward information on this to Amanda Fitton to be included in the SACRE Newsletter.</p> <p>11. Log-in NASACRE Website. Amanda Fitton would forward this to the clerk to forward to the SACRE members.</p> <p>12. Withdrawal of Pupils re: Learning Islam. Harkirat Singh stated that there was the need to monitor this as a SACRE. Amanda Fitton reported that the Rutland SACRE were putting together a survey in order to look at figures for withdrawal of pupils from RE lessons and would be happy for the Northampton SACRE to use this. She suggested that this was something that could be done in September 2019. Discussion took place on this.</p> <p>13. Invitation for Teachers to join the Northampton SACRE: Amanda Fitton reported that this was in the SACRE Newsletter. It was reiterated by the Chair that Teachers who were not a member of a Union were welcome to join SACRE.</p> | <p>HS</p> <p>Chair</p> <p>Chair</p> <p>JuD</p> <p>BP</p> <p>AF/Clerk</p> |
| <p>10. Date of next meeting</p> | <p>Tuesday 26 March 2019 at 4.30 pm</p> | |

The meeting ended at 6.10 pm

Signed:

Dated: