



Meeting Record
Northamptonshire Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE)
Annual General Meeting to be held on Thursday 12 October 2017 at
One Angel Square, Northampton,
NN1 1ED at 4.30 pm

Present:

Committee A: John Flory – Religious Society of Friends; Morcea Walker (Chair) – United Reform Church; Chris Paddock – Humanism UK;

Committee B: Val Griffiths – Church of England

Committee C: Jenny Dixon - Primary School Teacher Representative (NEU); Justine Davies (Vice Chair) – Secondary School Representative (NASUWT); Elaine Coe – Secondary Teacher Representative (NEU)

Committee D: Cllr. Wendy Brackenbury – LA Representative

Apologies:

Committee A: Harkirat Singh – Sikh Faith

Committee B: Yvette Timms – Primary Teacher (NEU)

Committee D: Cllr. Dudley Hughes – LA Representative;

Non Attendance:

Committee A: William Duncan – Buddhism; Farnush Tanhai – Bahai Faith; Anthony Twigger – Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints; Bhupesh Parekh – Hinduism; Daniel Tabor - Judaism

Committee B: Nicholas Edwards – Church of England; Reverend Doug Spenceley;

Committee C: Julie Barke – Head Teacher Representative (NAHT); Yvette Timms – Primary Teacher (NEU)

In attendance: Chris Connearn – Head of School Effectiveness; Amanda Fitton – SACRE Adviser; Niamh Rolph – Head of St Gregory’s RC Primary School

Clerk: Mrs Jane Hall.

Topic	Key Discussion Points	Action
1. Welcome and Introductions	The Clerk welcomed everybody to meeting and introduced John Flory to the members as the new representative for the Religious Society of Friends.	
2. Election of Chair	The Clerk asked for nominations for Chair of SACRE. Justine Davies nominated Morcea Walker and this was seconded by Chris Paddock and agreed by the members.	
3. Election of Vice Chair	<p>The Clerk asked for nominations for Vice Chair of SACRE. Morcea Walker nominated Justine Davies and this was seconded by Chris Paddock and agreed by the members.</p> <p>Morcea Walker introduced herself to the members. She asked that if there were any queries arising from the minutes etc. to send them to her. She reported that she would be leaving the meeting at 6.10 pm and that Justine Davies would take over.</p>	
4. Declarations of Interest	<p>The following declarations were declared:</p> <p>Morcea Walker – Governor at Northampton School for Boys. Wendy Brackenbury – County Councillor Chris Connearn – Budget holder for Learning and Effectiveness/Governance/SACRE</p>	
5. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6 June 2017	The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6 June 2017 were agreed as a true copy and signed by the Chair.	
6. Matters Arising from the minutes of the previous meeting	<p>7. ASC Conference: Reference to statutes: Amanda Fitton reported that this had been discussed and will form part of the Appendix and that there was a meeting taking place on 5 December 2017 to go through the statutes and to discuss how to put the ASC through to the Council.</p> <p>Assessment data and RE data: The Chair reported that she was unable to show this to the members as she did not have the physical data as she was waiting for the re-marks as re-marks had not been completed.</p> <p>Assessment Folders: Amanda Fitton reported that she had not brought the assessment folders in and would bring copies of these to the next meeting.</p> <p>Re-marks: After some discussion it was suggested that if the remarks were not received in time for the publication of the Annual Report that a statement could be inserted in the Report “subject to re-marks”.</p>	<p>Chair</p> <p>AF</p>

	<p>It was noted that the word “require” on page 6 second paragraph should be replaced with the word “acquire”.</p> <p>“Progression in Christianity” – Janet Scott’s use of the word “Church”. Discussion took place on this. Amanda Fitton reported that there would be a glossary and the word Church would be put into this otherwise the document would become too large.</p> <p>8. Update on Working Parties: Jenny Dixon would forward all her notes to the members.</p> <p>9. NASACRE Conference: Amanda Fitton reported that she had not yet written a report on the Conference.</p>	<p>JD</p>
<p>7. Budget</p>	<p>Chris Connearn reported that she held the budget for School Effectiveness, Governance and SACRE and that the figure for SACRE was £6,000 and the extra running costs would come out of School Improvement. Currently SACRE’s predicted costs are around £9,300 for the year and any Conference fees and subscriptions would be on top of that. Following thorough discussion it was made clear that there was a requirement to find an extra £3,300 to bridge the gap between the £6,000 budget line allocated to SACRE and the actual figure of £9,300 through charging for training. Amanda Fitton reported that she was in the process of arranging to do this. It was agreed that whole days training would be charged for but not Network meetings. Discussion took place on this.</p> <p>The Chair reported that if members still did not understand the budget to email Chris Connearn.</p> <p>Chris Connearn reported that she felt that it was important to acknowledge that the school landscape continues to change and that the LA was no longer a provider of services but a facilitator of school to school support working with Teaching Schools and Academy Trusts. She felt it was important for SACRE to look at generating income by looking at the systems that are in place with the teaching schools and the LA in partnership.</p> <p>In terms of how to generate income and work with the systems Chris Connearn proposed setting up a working party to include Justine Davies, Wendy Brackenbury and Amanda Fitton. This was agreed.</p> <p>The Chair reported that Justine Davies would send out a link with regards to the training programme which was totally educational.</p> <p>Thanks were given to Chris Connearn.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>JD</p>

<p>8. ASC Update</p>	<p>Amanda Fitton reported that this was working very well and a meeting took place on 21 September 2017 the minutes from which would be sent to the members by the Clerk. The meeting took place in Huntingdon and there were 20 schools. The ASC was across the four areas and was encompassing Academies, Church of England schools and LA maintained schools. A survey monkey had been sent out to them to get feedback. The survey would be sent out again in December to get initial reactions to all Assessment details sent to Primary Schools in a Newsletter.</p> <p>The Committee were now in the process of looking at KS3 and would be meeting on Monday 16 October 2017 with 5 schools in Peterborough and two schools in Rutland. It was also agreed to meet the skills required for KS4.</p> <p>The progression documents were going out to people of different faiths and it was agreed that Chris Paddock would proof read the humanist one and Daniel Tabor would proof read the Judaism one. Gurdev Singh would be asked to design the documents for the ASC which would be PDF documents. The assessment documents would be word documents.</p> <p>The aim was to get everything ready by the end of January as each SACRE would have to go to the Council to adopt the ASC. Chris Connearn reported that she had already looked into this and there would be no problem in Northamptonshire.</p> <p>Teachers were happy with it and exemplars were going to be included. With regards to KS1 and KS2 she was working with a school in Rutland to look at how to do whole school planning and how to understand Christianity.</p> <p>Amanda Fitton confirmed that the RE Network meetings had contributed to the ASC including Northamptonshire.</p> <p>The next ASC meeting would be held on 7 December 2017 in Huntingdon at 4.30 pm. Justine Davies sent her apologies.</p> <p>The Chair informed the members that she had to leave the meeting at 6.05 pm and it was agreed to bring the item on the Annual Report forward.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>9. Annual Report (previously Item 11)</p>	<p>Discussion took place on the Chair's introduction and it was agreed that Chris Connearn would have a look at this and forward this to Justine Davies and Wendy Brackenbury for their approval.</p> <p>The Chair asked that the Annual Report was kept as short as possible. It was agreed that Attendance would not</p>	

	<p>Emails: Amanda Fitton asked the members not to send emails to the Clerk and asked members to think about the language used in emails as some emails that had been sent had been upsetting.</p> <p>Items for next meeting to include:</p> <p>ASC SACRE Development Plan Review of the Terms of Reference</p>	
13. Date of next meeting	Wednesday 13 December 2017 at 4.30 in Angel Square	

The meeting ended at 6.40 pm

Signed:

Dated: