



Meeting Record
Northamptonshire Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE)
held on Thursday 13 December 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; Farnush Tanhai- Bahai Faith; Arthur Newbury – Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints; Bhupesh Parekh – Hinduism;

Committee B: Julie Barke – Church of England; Rev'd Doug Spenceley – Church of England

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

Committee D: Cllr. Wendy Brackenbury – LA Representative

Apologies:

Committee A: Harkirat Singh – Sikh Faith; Daniel Tabor - Judaism

Committee B: Yvette Timms – Primary Teacher (NEU); 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: William Duncan – Buddhism; Sister Aidan Richards – Catholic Diocese

In attendance: Amanda Fitton – SACRE Adviser;

Clerk: Mrs Jane Hall

Topic	Key Discussion Points	Action
1. Welcome and Introductions	<p>The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting. Introductions were made. The Chair informed the members that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Connearn would only be attending the SACRE AGM • Amanda Fitton as an Officer had the same powers as Chris Connearn. • Julie Barke now represented the Church of England • The LA had been asked to get more Councillors on to SACRE and for this to be cross party. 	
2. Declaration of Interest	<p>The Chair declared that she was a Governor at Northampton School for Boys.</p>	
3. Approval of the minutes held on Thursday 12 October 2017	<p>The Chair asked the members to let herself and the clerk know if there were any matters arising from the minutes that were not on the Agenda in good time before a meeting.</p> <p>The minutes held on Thursday 12 October 2017 were agreed as a true record. It was noted that Justine Davies should read Jenny Dixon under Item 10. Update on Working Parties.</p>	
4. Matters Arising	<p>6. Matters Arising from the minutes of the previous meeting: Assessment Folders: Amanda Fitton reported that she would look at this over the Christmas period. The Chair asked if anything further had come out of the Exam Board with regards to the transition of GCSE to A levels. Justine Davies reported this was the first year that the GCSE to A levels was sat. In terms of re-marks the Chair reported that there were still some re-marks outstanding. Justine Davies reported that the exam gradings were changing on the subject of DT (Design and Technology). Wendy Brackenbury reported that the examination groups would be coming to the Children's Scrutiny meeting on Wednesday 21 March 2018 which was open to the public. Amanda Fitton reported that she would be attending this.</p> <p>8. Update on Working Parties: Jenny Dixon reported that she had started to look at the resources for Visits and Visitors.</p> <p>7. Budget: Amanda Fitton reported that she had had a meeting with Chris Connearn and a plan had been put in place to do training in order to minimise some of the costs and the clerk and herself were working on this.</p> <p>Justine Davies reported that she did not send out the link to the NTP (Northamptonshire Teaching Partnership) training programme but informed the members that the NTP were equivalent to the schools that did the training programme for children and directed the members to go on to the</p>	

	<p>Northamptonshire website to find the schools that did it differently.</p> <p>9. Annual Report: Cover Report: Jenny Dixon asked that next time the document went to Council that at the back of the document under “Are there any human rights implications” the answer was “Yes. Relevant to the human rights to belong to a faith group and non faith group”.</p>	
5. Proposed revisions to the TOR	<p>Amanda Fitton put the draft TOR on to the screen and reported that SACRE needed to have some more teachers and at the present time the TOR restricted this. She drew the members attention to page 2 of the TOR Committee C and informed them that she wished to replace the wording in red with the wording in green and read these out. She reported that she had spoken to the Unions and they were happy with the changes in green. Discussion took place on this and whether this should read “appropriate teaching professionals” rather than “nominated representatives”</p> <p>Arthur Newbury arrived at the meeting at 5.00 pm</p> <p>Discussion took place on whether Governors could be invited to join SACRE. Doug Spenceley raised his concern as to the reasons why Committee C was set and felt that it was set up for those people who were teaching professionals who delivered RE to young people. Amanda Fitton reported that she would go to NASACRE to check on this and report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>Amanda Fitton drew the members attention to page 6 of the TOR to the changes she had made in green under Item 6 “Sub Groups and Working Parties” and to page 8 Item 10 “Administrative arrangements” and informed them that she would make the changes to the TOR next week and ask the clerk to circulate these with the changes highlighted.</p>	<p>AF</p> <p>AF/JH</p>
6. ASC Update	<p>Amanda Fitton reported that she was waiting for the Minutes to come back from the last ASC meeting. A format had been agreed for the ASC and this would look very professional when it went on to the website. She reported that the process was nearly complete and teachers were happy with it and she had worked with different schools in different contexts and different exemplars. Amanda Fitton reported that she would get the minutes out as soon as she received them.</p> <p>In terms of the pilot Amanda Fitton reported that the SACRE clerk in Cambridgeshire was putting this together. It was very positive and a lot of time had been spent going into schools and working with them and each term planning had been done and fed back to all schools.</p>	<p>AF</p>
7. ASC Launch	<p>Amanda Fitton reported that the ASC would be launched on Thursday 3 May 2017 at the Marriott Hotel in Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire and would be self funding. The cost will be</p>	

	<p>£75 per person. A number of schools were interested in this and there would be a particular emphasis on cpd (Continung Professional Development). There would be two keynote speakers one was Catherine Wright who would be doing workshops for primary schools on progression in primary schools. In terms of transferring this to Northamptonshire Amanda Fitton reported that she was hoping to do this. The other keynote speaker was Janet Orchard from the British University who had been involved with some schools and network meetings in Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire looking at how children of different faiths interact in the classroom. A Flyer would be put together next week by herself and the Clerk to Cambridgeshire SACRE. Amanda Fitton reported that SACRE members would be invited and the programme for the launch would be sent out to members.</p>	<p>AF</p>
<p>8. Working Parties</p>	<p>The Chair reported that she was looking at Festivals and had done a list of these which she would pass on.</p> <p>Jenny Dixon was looking at visits and visitors. Discussion took place on this and the following areas were highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That visits were schools responsibility and not SACREs. • To meet with the speaker before the visit, ask if they had got any materials and what they were going to talk about. • Safeguarding for visitors in school. <p>The Chair thanked Jenny Dixon for the information she had already sent with regards to visits and visitors.</p> <p>Wendy Brackenbury left the meeting at 5.45 pm</p>	
<p>9. SACRE Development Plan (2017-18)</p>	<p>Amanda Fitton reported that on the SACRE Development Plan both SACRE Management of Membership and Effectiveness of Locally Agreed Syllabus would be standard items and for there to be two other projects.</p> <p>Amanda Fitton showed a copy of the Peterborough SACRE Development Plan on to the screen and informed the members it was a question of whether they wanted to adopt this format and what areas they wanted to work on next year. It would be a standing item on the Agenda going forward. Discussion took place on this.</p> <p>The areas discussed were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good practice in Collective Worship and to identify what areas to concentrate on and then to talk about putting plans together to achieve them. • Base data and the need to collect this before deciding how to go forward. 	<p>Clerk</p>

	<p>It was agreed that AF would do a draft of the SACRE Development Plan and send this out to the Members and for Members to email any comments back to her.</p> <p>Training: Amanda Fitton reported that herself and the Clerk were working on this and the training would take place in One Angel Square.</p>	<p>AF</p>
<p>10. Any other Business</p>	<p>The Chair asked the members round the table if they had any other business.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arthur Newbury reported that the Church of the Latter Day Saints were on Sunday 17 December 2017 going out to help people maintain hygiene when sleeping roughly. 2. Doug Spenceley reported that over Christmas there were a whole range of things going on from street parties, school parties, food banks etc. 3. Julie Barke reported that she worked with schools around the County and that one of the schools she worked with was 90% White British who took part in Diwali celebrations and got tremendous support from families and children. 4. Chris Paddock wished everybody a Happy Christmas. 5. Jenny Dixon reported that in Wellingborough there was a food bank and similar activities were taking place. 6. John Flory stated that he had observed that since the Conservative Party came into power homelessness had increased by 60%. 7. Farnush Tanhai reported that this year and 2018 marked the bicentenary of the celebration of the Profit Founder for the Bahai Faith and that there was a 13 minute film made by Richard and Louise entitled The Bahai Divine Faith which helps people understand the Bahai Faith and can be found on You Tube. She also reported that on 29 December 2017 there was a Tranquility Zone at the Tide Barn in Wellingborough which was open to everyone. 8. Bhupesh Parekh reported that on 28 January 2018 there was a Republic Day Celebration at the Community Centre in Wellingborough and everybody was welcome. <p>He informed the members that following many functions there was always a lot of food left and he was looking at ways of getting this to the right people. Discussion took place on this and it was suggested that the food was put into small sealed portions.</p>	

	<p>9. Justine Davies reported that Northamptonshire School for Boys was hosting the Northampton Languages Festival on 21 February 2018 at 6.00 pm and were singing Welsh Songs in the Cribbs Theatre.</p> <p>10. Arthur Newbury reported that at The Dodridge Centre in St James, The Church of the Latter Day Saints were feeding people over Christmas.</p>	
11. Date of Next Meeting	Thursday 8 March 2018 at 4.30 pm One Angel Square	

The meeting ended at 6.40 pm

Signed:

Dated: