



Meeting Record
Northamptonshire Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE)
held on Tuesday 5 June 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; Saifallah Nasser – Muslim Faith

Committee B: Julie Barke – 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; Daniel Tabor - Judaism; Sister Aidan Richards – Catholic Diocese; Bhupesh Parekh – Hinduism;

Committee B: Val Griffiths – Church of England

Committee C: Yvette Timms – Primary Teacher (NEU)

Committee D: Cllr. Dudley Hughes – LA Representative; Chris Connearn - Head of School Effectiveness

Non Attendance:

Committee A: Arthur Newbury – Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints; Farnush Tanhai- Bahai Faith;

In attendance: Amanda Fitton – SACRE Adviser;

Clerk: Mrs Jane Hall

Topic	Key Discussion Points	Action
1. Welcome and Introductions	The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting. She informed the members that Doug Spenceley had resigned as a Church of England Representative. Julie Barke informed the members that she would ask the Peterborough Diocesan for a replacement.	JB
2. Declaration of Interest	The Chair declared that she was a Governor at Northampton School for Boys.	
3. Approval of the minutes held on 8 March 2018	<p>The minutes were approved as a true copy subject to the following amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Flory was representing The Religious Society of Friends and not the Buddhist Community • Chris Paddock was a member of Committee A and not co-opted. 	
4. Matters Arising	PREVENT Strategy: The Chair apologised that a presentation on PREVENT had not been organised as this was due to the late receipt of the minutes.	
5. Budget	<p>Amanda Fitton reported that Children’s Services had received a cut of £150,000 this year in the budget and that she was working hard to bring in some income for the NCC next year by offering training for RE Teachers.</p> <p>Jenny Dixon asked whether there was a budget statement for SACRE indicating how much had been spent in the previous Academic Year, what it was spent on and how much was spent on the Agreed Syllabus Conference (ASC). Amanda Fitton reported that the ASC was free as it was run with the help of volunteers.</p> <p>In terms of the budget Chris Connearn would be attending the AGM in October and would have information on the budget.</p> <p>The Chair reported that in terms of SACRE costs for 2017-18, amounting to £9,263.24 was paid out last year and for 2018/19 it was expected to be a similar amount. In terms of training Amanda Fitton reported that there was no cost for these. With regards to the ASC there were 160 delegates all paying £75 which generated income for each of the County Councils.</p>	
6. ASC Update	<p>Amanda Fitton reported that the ASC had been agreed by all four County Councils and had been adopted and schools were using it. The feedback had been very good and the two keynote speakers agreed with the ASC. It was an interesting day.</p> <p>Amanda Fitton reported that there were a few things within the ASC that were non statutory which needed clarification but would not affect teachers. There were a few exemplars that were missing but was correct as it stood.</p>	

	<p>In terms of Training Amanda Fitton reported that she was holding two Agreed Syllabus Road Shows, at a cost of £25.00 to the schools. For in-house training this would cost the school £55.00. She reported that she would be working with the clerk on training for next year and was waiting to hear about the availability of training rooms in Angel Square.</p> <p>Justine Davies who was at the ASC reported that there was a very poor representation of secondary schools and asked whether there should be something specifically for secondary schools. Amanda Fitton reported that NQT/RQT events held by Cambridgeshire County Council had very little take up and that she was working with Uppingham School to try to join schools in Rutland with Corby schools and secondary schools. The suggestion was put forward that Trusts could be approached rather than the school directly. Amanda Fitton reported she would approach the new School Cluster Officer during the Summer holidays and put a strategy together in line with the requirements of the Council but stressed that there was the need to tread carefully with training as there were Teaching Schools etc.</p> <p>Jenny Dixon reported that having read through the ASC she felt that it was excellently written and included a wide variety of exemplars. Thanks were given to Amanda Fitton.</p> <p>Justine Davies reported that one of the questions raised at the ASC was around Christianity and how this was taught and she felt that there was the need to look at other faiths along with Christianity and not just at Christianity. Amanda Fitton reported that she was trying to look at a broader curriculum for primary schools.</p> <p>In terms of whether the road shows were being advertised in the Friday Bulletin, Amanda Fitton reported that they were and that she would be talking to somebody in the LA with regards to creating a list of RE Co-ordinators.</p> <p>In terms of whether there was still a SACRE Newsletter, Amanda Fitton reported that the Summer SACRE Newsletter would be coming out next week.</p> <p>In terms of whether SACRE members could attend the Road Shows, Amanda Fitton reported that nearer the time she would send out a list of the attendees.</p> <p>In terms of resources in the ASC on page 10, Jenny Dixon reported that a list of resources had been put together to support this. Amanda Fitton reported that this list would not be included in the ASC but would be a separate PDF document linked to the ASC on the Website.</p>	
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	Saifullah Nassir arrived at the meeting at 5.10 pm and gave his apologies for being late.	
7. Working Parties	The Chair reported that this was on the Agenda as an item open for discussion. She informed the members that she felt that the Shap Calendar was a good guide in terms of events. In terms of visits, Jenny Dixon reported that she would like the SACRE members to look at this as she had virtually done this on her own. The Chair informed her that Amanda Fitton had looked at it. Amanda Fitton reported that work was needed on the wording but essentially there was the need to look at the NCC's policy on data protection following the recent GDPR regulations. Discussion took place on this. Amanda Fitton reported that she would contact the LA in the Summer with regards to this. Further discussion took place on how GDPR affected the members of SACRE in terms of their contact details.	
8. Terms of Reference	<p>Copies of the revised Terms of Reference were circulated to the members.</p> <p>Amanda Fitton went through the suggested amendments she had made to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1.1 Membership and Composition of SACRE: Committee C (p.3); the removal of the second paragraph commencing "the five teaching professional organisations". Discussion took place on the number of members on this Committee and a request was made to vote on the changes. Amanda Fitton reported that the Terms of Reference revisions were proposals and once agreed acceptance of the Terms of Reference would be voted on at the next meeting. <p>In terms of the number of faiths represented in Committee A it was suggested that by looking at the Census what the common faiths were could be found. It was also suggested that a statement could be put out giving a list of the faiths recognised by the Census but also saying that other faith groups were welcome.</p> <p>Amanda Fitton stated that out of the 4 Committees, Committee A was the only one where there was a process to go through.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6. Sub Groups and Working Parties (p.5); to change the wording to the paragraph beginning "SACRE shall appoint". Discussion took place on this and the change was agreed. - 7. Reporting (p.6): It was agreed to change the last bullet point to read "Be agreed by the SACRE at a meeting at the first opportunity in the new academic year prior to publication" 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 9. Meetings (p.6): to change the wording in the last sentence from September to read “Spring Term” March to allow time for the data to be received by the NCC and for this to be included in the Annual Report. Discussion took place on this. It was agreed that the Annual Report/Data would be presented in the Spring Term. - 10 Administrative Arrangements (p.8): It was agreed to change the last paragraph to read “A local authority officer shall be entitled <p>Amanda Fitton reported that she would amend the Terms of Reference which would be circulated by the Clerk.</p> <p>Wendy Brackenbury left the meeting at 6.00 pm</p>	AF/Clerk
9. Any other business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jenny Dixon asked for a list of members etc. 2. It was noted by one of the members that if the Annual Report was being changed to the Spring Term there was the need to make sure it was close to the next Council Meeting. Amanda Fitton reported that she did not know when the next Council meeting was but would check the dates after half term. 3. Chris Paddock suggested SACRE members have their own individual emails ie: cpaddock@sacre.northamptonshire.gov.uk Discussion took place on this. The Chair reported that she was happy for the clerk to filter questions and queries that came into the generic SACRE inbox. This was agreed. 4. John Flory circulated 4 RE questions that were asked of children from 9 years old for members to look at. Discussion took place on these. 	AF
10. Date of Next Meeting	Tuesday 23 October 2018 at 4.30 pm (AGM)	

The meeting ended at 6.30 pm

Signed:

Dated: