



Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

MINUTES

05.11.2020 Virtual Meeting . Face to face meetings not allowed due to Covid- 19

Attendance

Committee A

Members representing the “Free Churches”

Mrs Sue Cox (Baptist)
Rev. Mike Hackleton (Methodist)

Members representing the Roman Catholic Church

Sister Stella Kelly
Mrs Alison Burt

Members representing non-Christian faiths

Dr. Lionel Alexander (Jewish faith)
Mr. David Downer (Buddhist)
Mrs Anne Sechiari (Buddhist)
Mr Praful Thaker (Hindu)
Mr Simon Bligh (Humanist)
Mrs Norma Corney (Baha'i)
Mrs Mary Clark (Quaker)

Committee B)

Representing the Church of England

Rt Reverend Peter Leonard
Mrs Beryl Miller
Mrs Liane Chalmers

Committee C

Representing the teachers of the Isle of Wight

Secondary Miss Beth Feltham Sandown Bay Academy
Headteacher Mrs Nicki Mobley St Blasius Academy

Committee D

Representing the Local Authority.

Cllr Debbie Andre
Cllr George Cameron
Mr Alex Augustus Principal St Francis Academy

In attendance

Harry Kirby Clerk
Dr. Patricia Hannam: SACRE Professional Adviser. County Inspector/ Adviser RE, History & Philosophy. HIAS
Justine Ball: General Inspector/Adviser RE (primary). HIAS.

2. Apologies for Absence

Mrs Kirsty Thomas (Teacher.)

3. Declaration of Members' Interest and Chair's correspondence

- DA . Governor at IW school and also Elected member.
PH informed members that HK ,Clerk, had informed her and the Chairman that he intended retiring from his role on SACRE. He was thanked for his 16 years of service. The role of Clerk will be brought under the remit of Democratic Services from June 2021

4. Minutes of the Previous meeting held on 07.07.2020

- Accepted as true record. Proposed BM, seconded SC

5. Matters Arising from the minutes of 07.07.2020

- All matters arising are within the current agenda

6. Membership update

- Leane Chalmers (CE) and Alex Augustus (LA) were welcomed to their first meeting

7. Monitoring Report

- PH summarised the role of SACRE for the benefit of new members.
- She described the difficulty of SACRE in its monitoring role without GCSE examination results for the 2020 examination series. BH described the outcome of the Teacher Assessment procedure at her school. She thought it had worked well.
- PH Explained that that subject level data was not being collated by the LA, nor DfE for comparison and accountability measures. She explained that the 2020-2021 GCSE exams in England are currently planned to take place 3 weeks later than usual to give some additional teaching time in light of year 10 not being in school (although some were studying online) in summer 2020.
- SACRE requested that PH asks the HIAS officer responsible for IW school improvement to consider asking for entry numbers for GCSE RS in 2020 for SACRE's monitoring purposes.
- Headteacher reps described their approaches to "catch-up" processes in RE. AA explained that the RE in his school was based on the Liturgical Year, so any "catch-up" procedure would be difficult. NM informed members that after 6 months of non-school attendance, her school's priority and emphasis was on the core subjects and pupils' personal development.
- PH informed the meeting that the Secondary networks were continuing. She expressed her appreciation of the hard work and commitment from teachers.
- JB was pleased that the Primary networks were also continuing. Several SENCOs from the IoW had also recently attended a special RE and SEND course. The early December Primary network meeting is fully booked.

8. Agreed Syllabus Review of LD111 2020-2021

- PH was pleased to report that all 4 LA's had agreed to review the Agreed Syllabus.
- A large gathering, on line, had taken place when representatives from those LAs had begun the review procedure. There will be a series of meetings of teacher representatives. Faith leaders have also been consulted. There has been a wide-range of "voices" and quality inputs.
- She explained that the review would include a "spiral" approach to progression, with the aim of increasing children's religious education with both depth and breadth across the Key Stages. The existing purpose statement will remain. There will also be more joined-up thinking across primary and secondary RE.

9. Annual Report

- The draft report was presented to the meeting with brief explanations of the various sections.
- BF will add her foreword.
- Adoption of the report was agreed. Proposed SC . Seconded BM
- Once complete it will be forwarded to all stake-holders and NASACRE,

10 Activities of National and Regional bodies including SC Hub meeting

- PH emphasised the relevance and importance of the NASCRE bulletins in keeping colleagues up to speed with national issues. The bulletins are circulated to members by the clerk. He also reminds members of the secure password.
- NASACRE Annual Conference and AGM will be on 17th November. It will be a virtual meeting 10.00-12.00. Members were asked to inform HK if they wished to be registered to attend AB and PH expressed an interest.
- South Central Hub. PH explained, for the benefit of new members, the role of this group. Past attenders emphasised the importance and benefits of attending.
- DA will “attend” the meeting on 16.11.2020 10.00-12.00. HK offered to participate if members were unable to attend.
- SACRE is required to have a “Determinations Policy”. Small groups will be convened to consider this and also to review and up-date the Development plan.
Determination Policy group: NM, SB, AB, BM, BF, NC
Development Plan group: BF, AB, BM, NM, SB.
Meetings will virtual and will be called by PH and will probably be 16.30-17.30

11 Date and venue of the next meetings

- 4 March 2021 14.00-18.00
- 9 June 2021 16.00-18.00
- 5 October 2021 16.00-18.00 – Agreed Syllabus Conference (to adopt new syllabus) followed immediately by full SACRE
- 1 March 2022 16.00-18.00