

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education – Meeting held on Wednesday, 20th March, 2019.

Present:-

Committee 1 – Christian Denominations and Other Faiths

Sue Elbrow, Waqar Bhatti, Shujah Hamid, Hardip Singh Sohal and Ashpreet Singh Nainu

Committee 2 – Church of England

Christine Isles and Andrea Sparrow

Committee 3 – Representatives of Teacher Associations

Lynda Bussley

Committee 4 – Representatives of the LEA

Councillors BS Bains, Bedi, Brooker and Smith

Apologies for Absence:- Guzari Lal Babber, Julie Siddiqi, Zubayr Abbas-Bowkan and Rev Andrew Allen

PART 1

14. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 14 November 2018

Resolved - That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 November 2019 be approved as a correct record.

15. Matters Arising

Minute 10 – Members were advised that the RE resources were stored at St Mary's CE Primary School (St Mary's). It was agreed that Waqar Bhatti would photograph the artefacts and send them to Lynda Bussley to be catalogued. He would also get in touch with a contact at the Library at the Curve to assist with the cataloguing process. Instructions to ensure items were handled correctly would also be included. Once completed, the catalogue would be sent to SACRE members and placed on the Slough SACRE website ready to be loaned out to schools on request.

Sue Elbrow would contact Rachelle Ballard at St Mary's to make arrangements to review the condition of the resources and contact Mr Bhatti to arrange a time for the resources to be photographed.

Action:

- **Sue Elbrow to contact Rachelle Ballard at St Mary's and liaise with Waqar Bhatti to make arrangements for photographing the resources.**
- **Lynda Bussley to catalogue the resources and send to the Clerk to be circulated to SACRE members.**
- **Clerk to upload on SACRE website.**

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16. SACRE Membership Update

It was noted in Group C – Associations representing teachers that the National Union of Teachers (NUT) and the Association of Teachers and Lecturers had merged into the National Education Union (NEU).

Resolved – That the update be noted.

17. SACRE Membership News (An update from members regarding activities undertaken since the last SACRE meeting)

Members provided updates regarding activities undertaken since the last SACRE meeting.

Councillor Brooker informed members that Churchmead School was arranging for students to visit a Mosque.

Shujah Hamid reported that the Headteacher at the Al-Madani Independent Grammar School had participated in the National Visit My Mosque initiative and arranged a school visit to the Mosque in Stoke Podges on 3 March 2019.

Sue Elbrow invited SACRE members to a meeting entitled Women of Hope at Windsor Theatre on Sunday 23 March 2019. Further details would be sent to the Clerk for circulation to members.

Councillor Bedi announced that there would be an annual procession through the High Street on 28 April 2019 in the celebration of the Sikh festival of Vaisakhi. Further details would be sent to the clerk for circulation to members.

Resolved – That the update be noted.

18. Pan-Berkshire SACRE Hub Meeting held on 21 January 2019:

Christine Isles and Sue Elbrow provided an update on the Pan-Berkshire SACRE Hub (the Hub) meeting they had attended on 21 January 2019. The minutes of the meeting and the notes provided by Christine Isles were noted.

It was noted that each SACRE had been asked to check the Crossing the Bridges Directory, as some errors had been highlighted and Ms Isles and volunteered to do this.

On-going work was currently taking place to develop guidance resources and materials to complement the Agreed Syllabus and once completed, would be available for SACREs to upload on their websites. It was noted however, that the Crossing the Bridges Discovery RE would be required to be purchased by schools at a cost of £700.

Newsletters were recommended to be sent to RE Leads/Co-ordinators to ensure distribution to the appropriate people in schools.

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Funding from the Westhill bid (To support the Crossing the Bridges Project) if successful would be used to purchase media materials.

It was noted that the future of the Hub would be discussed at the next meeting.

The surplus of £2,300 in the Pan-Berkshire SACRE Hub budget would be transferred to the Diocese of Oxford to avoid losing it. An updated account of the budget would be circulated to SACRE members for information.

The next meeting of the Hub was noted as 3 June 2019.

Members welcomed the work undertaken by the Hub and agreed that it should continue as a welcome resource.

Resolved – That the update be noted.

19. Review of RE Key Stage(KS) 4 and KS5 2017-2018 Exam Results:

Members reviewed the data for RE Key Stages 4 and 5 2017-2018 exam results.

Following discussion, a breakdown of the RE provision put in place by schools for students who did not RE examinations was requested. It was noted that Wexham School was the only community school but acknowledged that all schools were required to provide RE at both Key stages 3 and 4.

It was noted that RE leads/co-ordinators should be made aware that they could contact SACRE if they required help/support with the A level RE.

(Hardip Singh Sohal left the meeting.)

20. Appointment of SACRE Adviser - Update on Procurement Process

Members were advised that the procurement process to appoint a Professional Adviser to SACRE had not been successful. It was suggested that Anne Andrews (Oxford Diocesan Board of Education) and Jo Fageant, former Adviser to SACRE should be contacted as they may be able to recommend someone.

Shujah Hamid reported that concerns had been raised by parents regarding Government introduction to age appropriate relationship and sex education (RSE) to be taught in schools from September 2020. It was agreed for the issue to be included as an agenda item for the next meeting and Lynda Bussley would research and provide information for discussion.

Action:

- **RSE to be included on the agenda for the next meeting.**
- **Lynda Bussley to provide information about RSE for the next SACRE meeting.**

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Resolved – That the update be noted.

(Councillor Brooker left the meeting.)

21. SACRE Finance Update

It was confirmed that the SACRE budget of £5,000 had been confirmed for April 2019 to March 2020 financial year.

Members discussed that it would be helpful to set up a sub-Committee consisting of one representative from each category to review the draft Action Plan for this period in conjunction with the SACRE Professional Adviser. The members were agreed as follows:

Group A – Waqar Bhatti
Group B – Andrea Sparrow
Group C - Lynda Bussley
Group D – Councillor Brooker

Resolved – That the SACRE members listed above would work with the SACRE Professional Adviser to work on the draft Action Plan for 2019 -2020.

(Councillor Brooker left the meeting.)

22. Website Update: SACRE Members

The clerk circulated a print out of the information on the membership section of the Council website provided by SACRE members. Members were asked to review their details to ensure that information provided were current.

It was noted members would review the information and provide updates to the Clerk.

Resolved – That the update be noted.

23. Update of Crossing the Bridges Directory

This item was covered in Minute 18 above.

24. Religious Education Resources Catalogue Project Update

This item was covered in Minute 15 above.

25. Information Items:

Resolved – That the information items be noted.

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26. SACRE Members' Attendance Record

Resolved – That the Members' Attendance Recorded be noted.

27. Proposed Meeting Dates for 2019-2020

Resolved:

- i) That the proposed meeting dates be noted.
- ii) That the next meeting would be on Wednesday 26 June and be held at the Al-Madani Independent Grammar School, Slough.

Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 4.40 pm and closed at 6.05 pm)