

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education – Meeting held on Wednesday, 15th March, 2023.

Present:-

Committee 1 – Christian Denominations and Other Faiths

Ashpreet Singh Nainu (Chair), Sue Elbrow, Zubayr Abbas-Bowkan, Shujah Hamid, Momade Faizal and Karen Appleby

Committee 2 – Church of England

Rev Gordon Briggs, Christine Isles and Andrea Sparrow

Committee 3 – Representatives of Teacher Associations

Munsoor Malik - Primary

Priya Lamba – Primary

Committee 4 – Representatives of the LEA

Councillors Basra, Brooker,

Co-opted Member (Non-voting)

Robin Launder - Humanist

Apologies for Absence:- Councillor Akbar, Bal, Smith and Ian Sharpe

PART 1

25. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 3 November 2022

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2022 be approved as a correct record.

26. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

27. Pan Berkshire SACRE Hub Minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2022

Sue Elbrow and Christine Isles highlighted the following:

- Agreed Syllabus review - Little progress had been made in gathering the information required in order to assess the conceptual content of the current Agreed Syllabus. As part of the proposal to address this issue, meetings with faith leaders and followers would be arranged to gather the core concepts and facts of their faith and what they believed pupils should learn.
- Real faith real people - Further films had been proposed, including filming on Buddhist and Humanist.

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Resolved – That the update be noted.

(16.35pm Hardeep joined the meeting).

28. SACRE Action Plan: Updated to March 2023

Members received an update on the SACRE Action Plan up to March 2023, which provided an update of the actions and proposals relating to the work of the SACRE.

The following updates and actions were highlighted:

- The Annual NASACRE conference and AGM would be held face-to-face on 22 May 2023. Anyone wishing to attend should notify the Clerk.
- A conference would be arranged for RE teachers and co-ordinators as part of the launch of the Agreed Syllabus, once the review had been completed.

Resolved – That the update be noted.

29. Finance Update

The Professional Advisor reported that some of the additional funding that was allocated had been used to support additional RE Teachers Network meetings.

The SACRE was reminded that all allocated funding must be used by 31 March 2023, as any surplus money remaining could not be transferred to the next financial year.

In order to avoid any loss of funding, Members discussed that the Oxford Diocesan Board of Education be asked to submit an invoice for the £900 contribution towards the Pan-Berkshire Hub in advance for the forthcoming year.

It was confirmed that SACRE would provide funding for two people to attend the NASACRE conference in May 2023. A proposal was made for an RE teachers' conference to be arranged, with costs being shared between the SACRE and the Pan-Berkshire Hub.

The proposal was proposed, seconded by Andrea Sparrow and Christine Isles, and agreed for an RE Teachers' conference to be arranged with the cost of the conference being shared with the Pan-Berkshire Hub.

Resolved – That an RE Teachers conference be arranged with the cost of the conference being shared between the SACRE and the Pan-Berkshire Hub.

30. Slough SACRE Collective Worship and Monitoring Guidance Update

The Adviser reported that an executive summary of Collective Guidance for Slough SACRE was being developed, as agreed at the meeting on 3 November 2022. The purpose of producing the executive summary was to

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provide schools with a brief document on collective worship for ease of reference. Separate documents on a topic by topic basis would also be produced.

Resolved – That the update be noted.

31. Winter Term 2023 RE Newsletter

The SACRE received the Winter Newsletter and commended the Adviser for the extensive information update and resources that were being made available to schools.

Resolved – That the update be noted.

32. SACRE Membership Update

The Clerk reported that the Vice-Chair of SACRE, Lynda Bussley had stood down, due to moving out of Slough.

It was noted that the Chair would send a letter of thanks to Ms Bussley for the work she had done throughout her time on the SACRE.

Resolved – That the update be noted.

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

There were no updates provided.

34. Equality and Diversity: How to be a Diversity Champion

The Chair announced that he would invite a teacher to attend a future SACRE meeting to provide a ten minutes talk on diversity .

The Adviser directed members to note for information, the 'How to be a Diversity Champion' document attached to the agenda. The document had been extracted from the Strictly RE session run by Charlotte Newman in January 2023.

Resolved – That the update be noted.

35. SACRE Members' Attendance Record

Resolved – That the Members' attendance record be noted.

36. Information Items (for noting): Latest news and updates from NASACRE - SACRE Briefing Issue 34

Resolved – That the circulated information on the latest news and updates from NASACRE – SACRE Briefing Issue 34 be noted.

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Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 4.33 pm and closed at 5.16 pm)