

Minutes



STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Tuesday 23rd February 2016 at 7.30pm
at Sutton Civic Centre, St. Nicholas Way, Sutton, Surrey

Present:	Mrs R Johnson (A)	Mrs M Cockram (C)
(Groups in brackets)	Rev D Smith (A)	Mr P Henry (C)
	Mrs C Smyth (B)	Cllr R Broadbent (D) (Vice-Chair)
	Rev M Williams (B) (Chair)	Cllr S Gordon (D)
	Miss V M Stone (C) <i>arrived at 7.45pm</i>	Cllr N Patel (D)
Apologies:	Ms M Cucharo (C)	
	Cllr M Burstow (D)	
	Cllr T Crowley (D)	
In attendance:	Ms K Evans	Observer/Local Authority Representative
	Ms P Smith-Orr	Consultant/Observer
	Mrs P Garry	Clerk

	ITEM	ACTION BY
1.	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS Councillors Gordon and Patel were welcomed to their first SACRE Meeting.	
2.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies had been received from Ms Michaela Cucharo, Councillor Mary Burstow and Councillor Tim Crowley.	
3.	MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 3RD NOVEMBER 2015 Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record with the following inaccuracies noted: Item 8 – should say January 2016, not 2015. It was further noted that a distinction should be made between Michaela Cucharo (MCu) and Monica Cockram (MC) when referencing in these minutes or attributing any actions. Most of the actions had been completed, others are further discussed under Matters Arising below.	

4.	<p>MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE IN THE AGENDA</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Revised Syllabus PS-O advised that she had received a very complimentary email from Colin Stewart praising the working party for all their hard work on the new Syllabus. Some teachers had advised that they will be implementing it from September. At the RE Co-ordinators meeting one of the Church school teachers said that she would also be using it. MW was talking to another RE Co-ordinator who said that she felt it was very good and particularly liked the exemplars given.</p> <p>Annual Report This was sent to NASACRE and the DfE. It has also been uploaded to the London Borough of Sutton SACRE page.</p> <p>Meeting the Challenge In respect of the Action under Item 8 – Promotion of SACRE, Councillor Broadbent was awaiting some suggested wording in order to promote SACRE’s work. It was also agreed that Kate Evans would send out NASACRE leaflets to schools.</p> <p>Action: PS-O to send wording to RB for him to publicise SACRE to Councillors</p> <p>Action: PS-O to send NASACRE leaflet to KE to forward to schools.</p>	<p>PS-O/RB</p> <p>PS-O/KE</p>
5.	<p>RESULTS OF MEETING THE CHALLENGE DOCUMENT FROM THE NOVEMBER MEETING</p> <p>The document was discussed and some items further explored.</p> <p>Item 1 – Getting more RE Co-ordinators to attend network meetings. PS-O now has a list of teachers that have attended. There are around 50% of primary schools that attend. This now needs to be matched to schools lists to identify who doesn’t attend. The suggestion was made that PS-O attends the upcoming Sutton Primary Head’s Group on 14th April and this was agreed. The NASACRE leaflet could be given out at this meeting.</p> <p>Action: PS-O to give final list of schools that don’t attend to CS who will contact them to try and establish why they don’t attend.</p> <p>Action: KE to put SACRE discussion as an item on the SPHG April agenda.</p> <p>Items 3, 4 and 5 It was noted that the statement in the right hand column needed to be moved. There was further discussion about the uncertainty around what RE should look like. There is some guidance about 5% of curriculum time being devoted to RE but many schools are not doing this.</p> <p>The suggestion was made that an online survey be devised and schools asked to complete it. It was agreed that the survey would ask a lot of</p>	<p>PS-O/CS</p> <p>KE</p>

	<p>open questions in order to get as much information as possible and would hopefully provide more information about secondary schools.</p> <p>Action: The statement in the right hand column about the issue of RE being squeezed out of the curriculum should be moved to the left column.</p> <p>Action: PS-O to devise some questions for an online survey and share them with SACRE members for comment.</p> <p>Item 1 – SACRE members from other faiths needed It was noted that this was still a difficulty.</p> <p>Action: NP to attempt to identify a possible new member from the Hindu community.</p> <p>Action: PG to contact the Muslim representative that had previously attended as a substitute for Lal Hussein.</p>	<p>PG</p> <p>PS-O</p> <p>NP</p> <p>PG</p>
6.	<p>UPDATE ON RE COORDINATORS NETWORKS</p> <p>Peter Kendrick, the Chair of Merton SACRE attended the network meeting. The Merton Syllabus is still not quite ready for publication. He will return to the meeting on 3rd May at the Chaucer centre to give it out to Merton teachers.</p> <p>The suggestion was made that Sutton SACRE members could come and promote SACRE and talk about the Ambassadors of Faith & Belief Programme.</p> <p>Action: PS-O to send details of the next meeting and SACRE members to advise PS-O of their availability and willingness to attend.</p>	<p>PS-O/All members</p>
7.	<p>SACRE DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE</p> <p>General It was agreed to add a further column on the right hand side of the document to reflect when objectives had been achieved. The Meeting the Challenge discussion sheet will be checked to ensure that all of the issues identified feed into the objectives of the Development Plan.</p> <p>Action: PG to double check documents, add in extra column and ensure all objectives included.</p> <p>NASACRE Annual Conference This item is part of one of the first objectives on the Development Plan. MW and MC would like to attend the conference.</p> <p>Action: PG to establish funding for one, or two, places and confirm with proposed attendees.</p>	<p>PG</p> <p>PG</p>

8.	<p>COLLECTIVE WORSHIP IN SUTTON</p> <p>LB had previously brought the Brent Collective Worship model to a meeting. PS-O felt that whilst we must give schools some guidance it would not be correct to promote one particular model. There are other examples that could also be considered e.g. Bromley's.</p> <p>Bearing in mind that SACRE will have a lot of work to do in producing the KS3 syllabus it was agreed that this item would be put on hold until the next meeting and that it would be resolved by December 2017.</p> <p>Action: PS-O to include a question about Collective Worship in the online survey and it to be an agenda item for the next meeting.</p>	PS-O/PG
10.	<p>PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE OF SACRES, ASCS, RE AND COLLECTIVE WORSHIP</p> <p>PS-O referred to the NASACRE briefing no. 10. There seems to be a view that the government won't change their view on RE but various people have written reports. The RE Council have a working party and have said they would like ideas from SACREs. RB asked whether there was any news on the draft consultation for SACRES since the briefing says it will be available online. The suggestion was that the SACRE members attending the NASACRE conference would try to find out more.</p>	
12.	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>Link to Sutton SACRE within Forum of Sutton Governors website</p> <p>Action: SG to ask Andrew Theobald if he would consider the promotion of Sutton SACRE in this way.</p> <p>Courses for RE Teachers Festival of Light and Spring Festivals courses were held this term and were well attended</p> <p>School Visits PS-O will possibly be visiting Robin Hood Infants</p> <p>Kate Evans KE advised that she was leaving the local authority at the end of the term. She advised that, in the Interim, one of the seconded School Improvement Heads would attend SACRE. Members thanked Kate for her support to SACRE.</p> <p>Discovery RE This is a rogue RE advisory company. They convert local syllabus and add their own content to it. They charge schools £650 for the programme. SACRE members were concerned and felt that this could be classified as stealing intellectual copyright.</p> <p>Action: KE to speak to the legal department about what action could be taken.</p>	<p>SG</p> <p>KE</p>

	NASACRE Website Members asked for the password in order to access useful information. Action: PS-O to circulate the details.	PS-O
13.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 14th June 2016 at 7.30pm at Horizon Church, Assembly Walk, Carshalton, SM5 1JH Tuesday 4th October 2016 at 7.30pm venue tbc	

Closing Time of Meeting: 9.20pm

Chair's Signature Date.....