

# Minutes



## STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7.15pm held virtually using Google Meet

Present: (Groups in brackets)

Revd. D Smith (A) (Chair)	Mrs M Cockram (C)
Mr L Bracken (A)	Miss V M Stone (C)
Mrs R Johnson (A)	Mr S Ellingham (C)
Mr Paul Solomon (A)	Mrs Justine Speck (C)
Mr Mukesh Rao (A)	Ms Rebecca Bishop (C)
Mr L Morrell (B)	Mrs A Huneke (D)
Mrs Uzma Mobin (C)	Cllr N Patel (D)

In attendance: Mrs Penny Smith-Orr (Consultant)  
Mrs Penny Garry (Clerk)

Apologies: Mrs Usma Hussein (B)  
Cllr M Gonzalez (D)  
Cllr C Williams (D)

	ITEM	ACTION BY
1.	<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS</b>  The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>  Apologies had been received from Cllr Wiliams, Cllr Gonzalez and Uzma Hussein.	
3.	<b>ELECTION OF CHAIR</b>  Revd. Smith agreed to stand again for one further year but advised he would then be stepping down.  <b>RESOLUTION: Members unanimously elected Revd. Smith as Chair of SACRE for the period of one year.</b>	
4.	<b>MINUTES OF MEETING 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2020</b>  The minutes were agreed and will be signed as a true record.	
5.	<b>MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE IN THE AGENDA</b>  The Chair advised that all matters arising were covered on the agenda.	

6.	<p><b>APPOINTMENT OF SACRE MEMBERS</b></p> <p>The Clerk had received reference letters for three of the four new members and will chase up the remaining one.</p>	
7.	<p><b>MONITORING RE AND CW IN SUTTON</b></p> <p>SE has been working his way through the list and noted that secondary schools have almost no mention of RE on their websites. More Primary schools do but there is very little mention of the Sutton syllabus.</p> <p>MC suggested that a telephone call is made to the school to find out who the RE Co-ordinator is. PS-O advised that this is not always the person who updates the website but agreed that there is a need to establish if they are using the Sutton syllabus.</p> <p><b>Action: SE will send a complete list to PS-O and she will write to the schools that do not mention the syllabus or mention the wrong syllabus.</b></p> <p><b>Wire Award</b> A completed application had been received from Bandon Hill School who are the first school to do so, and had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. SE said that it is a good application and VS commented that it is a good sign that a school has found ways to complete the award and that it might encourage others to do so. PS-O advised that she has been contacted by some others and has allowed them more time to complete it due to Covid. She has also suggested that they could do virtual visits and suggested some resources.</p> <p><b>Action: PS-O will produce a Certificate and the Chair of SACRE will write a letter to Bandon Hill advising them that they are the first school to complete the award and enclosing their Certificate. The Chair may take the letter by hand if permitted.</b></p> <p><b>Action: PS-O will add the Humanist logo onto the Wire Award application form.</b></p> <p>There have been some enquiries from other schools but no other completed applications.</p>	<p>SE/PS-O</p> <p>PS-O/DS</p> <p>PS-O</p>
8.	<p><b>UPDATE ON FAITH AMBASSADORS</b></p> <p>JS reported that two primary schools had wanted Faith Ambassadors to visit in April and June but this had to be cancelled. JS would like to make a recording which could be sent to schools and PS-O said this would be a good idea.</p>	
9.	<p><b>UPDATE ON SUTTON FAITH &amp; BELIEF FORUM</b></p> <p>There was no update due to Covid. PS-O said that she is aware that they have had a Hate Crime Awareness meeting online and there are some activities during Interfaith Week.</p>	

10.	<p><b>RE CO-ORDINATORS MEETINGS AND SCHOOL VISITS</b></p> <p>A virtual meeting has taken place this term and there was also a Headteacher in attendance. Teachers were asking for assessment information.</p> <p>PS-O told members that the DfE had sent out a very long document about what schools should do when they re-opened. NATRE have preceed this to show the RE elements. PS-O has circulated it.</p>	
11.	<p><b>AGREED SYLLABUS CONFERENCE</b></p> <p>The revised section 6 had been circulated with the papers. RJ commented that it is a very useful to have something on assessment and it should help promote the importance of RE in terms of debating and understanding other pupils views.</p> <p>Teachers had said that they were happy with the syllabus but wanted something around assessment.</p> <p>JS commented that the Sutton High Lower school are using the syllabus so she will ask the RE lead's opinion. JS commented that the assessment sheet is quite open-ended and PS-O explained that it is because some schools do not want to have formal assessment of some subjects.</p> <p>RB said that her school had incorporated 70%-80% of the Sutton syllabus within the RE schemes of work.</p> <p>VS commented that schools will be able to adapt the assessment sheet as they wish. MC commented that the refresh of the Syllabus will remind schools that RE is an important part of the curriculum. DS said it is good that SACRE is able to provide this to help teachers to deliver RE.</p> <p><b>Action: PS-O will include the new section 6 in the Syllabus, re-date and circulate. The Clerk will arrange for it to be uploaded to the SACRE webpage.</b></p>	PS-O/ Clerk
12.	<p><b>SACRE DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2020 and 2021</b></p> <p>Members noted the 2020 development plan which had been circulated prior to the meeting. There were no comments in relation to the updates.</p> <p>The 2021 plan was discussed. PS-O suggested that an action could be included around the provision of other guidance documents e.g. teaching and learning, subject leader guidance, inclusivity and equalities. RJ said that perhaps PS-O could ask the RE Co-ordinators to see what would be of interest. MC suggested that this could also be included in item 5.</p> <p>RJ also suggested adding in the promotion of the WIRE Award under item 4. Monitoring Standards of RE.</p> <p><b>Action: PS-O to update the 2021 Development Plan and the Clerk will re-circulate.</b></p>	PS-O/ Clerk

13.	<p><b>SACRE ANNUAL REPORT</b></p> <p>Members had received the final draft of the Annual Report. Subject to one small typo against a member's name, there were no further comments.</p> <p><b>Action: PS-O to send final document to NASACRE and the DfE and the Clerk will upload to the SACRE webpage.</b></p>	<b>PS-O/ Clerk</b>
14.	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p><b>NASACRE EGM</b> The Clerk advised that NASACRE were holding a virtual EGM on 17<sup>th</sup> March at 10am and she will forward the email with the details. All SACRE members are welcome.</p> <p><b>NASACRE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS TO COUNCILS</b> The Clerk advised members that NASACRE were contacting local authorities to establish information about their support and funding of SACREs. It is expected that the FOI team at Sutton Council will forward this request to Cognus to be answered.</p> <p><b>INTERFAITH WEEK – DIWALI VIRTUAL CELEBRATION</b> Cllr Patel invited SACRE members to enjoy the virtual celebration on 14<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm. <b>The Clerk will send the link to everyone.</b></p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
15.	<p><b>DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.15pm.</b></p> <p><b>Venue: To be held virtually using Zoom.</b></p>	

Closing Time of Meeting: 8.30pm

Chair's Signature ..... Date.....