

**Nottinghamshire County Council
SACRE Meeting**

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National Justice Museum

**Wednesday 15 November 2017
6.45pm**

Minutes

Present	Representing
Andy Vickers	NASUWT
Andy Fox	NCC
Andy Wall	Church of England
Cllr Boyd Elliott	Chair
Cllr Phil Rostance	Councillor
Fiona Hunter	Nottingham Trent University
Irfan Malik	Ahmadiyya Muslim Observer
Gemma Pettifor	Assemblies of God
Graham Jennings	United Reformed Church
Godfrey Nix	Bahá'í
Naomi Posner	Jewish Community
Kate Charlesworth	Church of England
Naomi Garnett	National Justice Museum
Mike Follen	NAHT
Rev Ken Johnson	Secretary
Richard Linford	Primary teacher
Russell Davies	Pagan Federation
Alan Vickers	NASUWT
John Heard	Methodist
Tara Flanagan	Holocaust Centre
Val Jones	NCC/minuter

1. Welcome

Cllr Boyd Elliott welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Naomi from the National Justice Museum

- 2.** Naomi gave a very interesting presentation on the training on offer to all Key stages, describing the various workshops including the courtroom workshop, the museum workshop and the city of caves workshops. She would welcome suggestions of areas which could be developed to include more Religious Education and spirituality

3. Apologies and membership

Ken explained how he had pursued the Society of Friends, the Sikh community, the Buddhist community and secondary teachers to fill the vacancies arising from the recent resignations but still waiting for replies. ATL and NUT have now merged so will be running with a vacancy as to change the designation we would have to change the constitution

Agreed to continue with a vacancy, Ken to continue to contact groups for replacements

Apologies received from

Bethan Inglis

Craig Moxham

John Graham

Cllr Vaughn Hopewell

Michael Groves

Eddy Walton

Dr Anne Lumb was hoping to arrive later but was held up and sent apologies

Mike Arnold

Frances Knight Nottingham University

4. **Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed** after a minor adjustment requested on page 3 (gad not had). Cllr Elliott's first meeting so unaware of details of previous meeting

5. **Action points from the minutes update**

a) Holocaust event 2018

Ken explained that Andy Fox had agreed on behalf of NCC to fund the Holocaust event for the third year running, again very good response and oversubscribed, the 10 successful schools have been notified they are successful, the rest will be informed shortly

6. **Matters arising not on the agenda**

Ken reported the Mayflower celebrations are moving on for 2020

7. **SACRE Effectiveness Plan**

Ken described this is a note of what SACRE groups should be doing - a 5 year plan, an agreed syllabus in place to be reviewed at least every 5 years, an annual report sent to NASACRE etc. Graham Jennings mentioned about the cost/income of the last syllabus. Andy Fox explained we broke even as we sold the syllabus to Nottingham City Council.

8. **Draft annual report**

Ken said the annual report goes on the NASACRE website and to the DfE. It was emphasised the document produced is a draft only version, it hasn't been proof read. John Heard felt the chair summary was not coherent, doesn't read well, suggestions made i.e., the 3rd paragraph should be 1st paragraph, paragraph 4 moved to the end? Discussion over the summary, changes agreed.

It was pointed out that SACRE has created a Facebook page in line with NCC regulations. Richard noted Facebook is a good forum for sharing ideas/resources, Ken said not always easy to get teachers to share though. Cllr Elliott agreed good communication source. Asked about twitter, general feeling ok with just Facebook.

Regarding the GCSE grid results, there was a question over why gender separation on results, discussion over boys not achieving as well as girls, trying to close the gender gap or gender imbalance. This information might suggest ways of making the subject more popular with one gender and made us aware of any gender imbalances.

Short course results not available – **Andy was to see if he could get any more information on them**

Gemma Pettifor asked if we can have consistency in years, one is descending, one ascending. Graham Jennings asked for an asterix or nb at the foot of the grids to explain the blanks.

Paragraph 9 - to insert 'materials offering advice on diversity'

Paragraph 11 – areas for further improvement. Gemma Pettifor asked if we can make this more specific, discussion around the points, John Heard happy with the vague. Target 4 to be reworded. Cllr Elliott happy to raise the profile of SACRE with the chief executive of the local councils, and local communities including secondary academies.

Item 12 listing SACRE members, request for consistency, i.e. Fiona Hunter at Trent University not having brackets when the others have.

Action Points with regard to the Draft Annual Report

- Ken to make the necessary changes sending final draft to members before final report is sent to NASACRE. A time frame for reply would be given to members.
- Cllr Elliott thanked Ken on behalf of SACRE for all his work on this
- Andy to obtain previous years' gender RE results for SACRE if possible
- All agreed to promote Facebook page

9. Developments locally/nationally on RE

- a) Withdrawal was noted as an area of concern
Article in the Times regarding the withdrawal of pupils from RE in Staffordshire schools due to fear of attacks when visiting Mosques. Ken referred to the law and union guidance on the with reference to Headteacher action on this. Richard Linford said 1/5 of his school didn't want to go on a multi faith trip due to recent reports of mosque attacks. **Ken would speak to someone from Staffordshire at the meeting next week.**
- b) Agreed to pay the increased Subscription to NASACRE
- c) The Safeguarding & visits to Places of worship was noted. Richard Linford volunteered to work on this with support from several other colleagues to design some guidance on Risk Assessments & safeguarding measures.
- d) Interim Report on RE, Ken gave an overview of the report, encouraging that our SACRE meetings have always been quorate.
- e) Sections of the Report to gauge SACRE's feeling for answers. There was divergence of opinion on some of the statements. **Ken to complete the Survey on behalf of SACRE**

10. Group inter change of news

Russell Davies wished to mention the forthcoming Pagan Pride event in the Arboretum Nottingham

Discussion on the educating of child and educating the parent over British Values and Religious Tolerance.

11. Date of next meeting 27 February 2018 at the John Clifford School Beeston 6 p.m.