

**Nottinghamshire County Council
SACRE Meeting
Tuesday, 18 June 2013**

at
The Kimberley School
Newdigate St, Kimberley, Nottinghamshire NG16 2NJ

Present	Representing
Tania Goldsmith	Church of England
Anne Lumb	Church of England
Liz Youngman	Church of England
John Heard	Church of England
Richard Linford	Primary teachers
Mike Wilson	NASUWT
Mike Follen	NAHT
Gail Brockway	Secondary teachers
Krys Pietryka	Roman Catholic
Mike Arnold	Baptist
Naomi Posner	Jewish
Mel Gotheridge	Uk Buddhist
Godfrey Nix	Baha'i
Linda Foster	Education Improvement Service, NCC
Suzanne Paradine	Education Improvement Service, NCC
Ken Johnson	Secretary, SACRE
Alison Fawley	Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

Mike Follen welcomed members to the meeting which was hosted by Kimberley Academy. Apologies for absence were received from David Maddison, Michael Groves, Gemma Pettifor, Pippa Ling, Arthur Summerfield, Councillor Kate Foale, Suresh Gunpatrao, and Graham Jennings. Mike Follen advised the meeting that due to the change in administration of Nottinghamshire County Council, new representatives for Group A had been identified and were awaiting formal nomination.

2. Opening presentation on RE in The Kimberley School

Children from all year groups at Kimberley school gave presentations in a variety of formats on topics they have been studying this year and their thoughts on RE. It was agreed by members that a letter of thanks be sent to the school. Gail Brockway agreed to forward some quotes to Ken Johnson for future use.

3. Minutes of the meeting held 13 March 2013

The minutes of the previous meeting were amended to record that Mike Follen had sent apologies for non attendance.

Members agreed that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

4. Matters arising not on the agenda

There were no matters arising that were not addressed through the agenda.

5. Review of cooption of British Humanist Association (BHA) representative

The Humanist representative had sent apologies for non attendance at the meeting.

Members noted that the review of the ongoing membership of BHA representative, was now overdue and after discussion it was agreed that as the meeting was quorate to continue with the review of BHA's membership.

Groups met individually to consider the membership of BHA.

Groups decisions

Group B – not to renew the cooption of the BHA in its present format but would consider an application from an alternative representative.

Group C – were neither for nor against the cooption of a member of BHA but were supportive of groups B & D's decisions

Group D – not to renew the cooption of the BHA in its present format but would consider an application from an alternative representative.

The meeting agreed that the secretary should write to the BHA to inform them of the decision not to renew membership of BHA on its current basis but that SACRE would be willing to consider an application from an alternative representative.

6. Young Ambassadors - County educational success

The meeting viewed a video clip of Redhill Academy's submission to the young ambassadors programme. Ken Johnson gave details of their work which included a future visit to the Houses of Parliament and a radio broadcast. The Young Ambassadors has also indicated that they would like to host a future meeting of SACRE at their school.

It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Redhill Academy to acknowledge their inspiring work and to take up the offer of hosting a future meeting.

7. Events feedback session

- Christian Muslim Forum meeting
Ken Johnson discussed the information which members had received prior to the meeting
- NASCRE AGM
Tania Goldsmith reported to members on the NASACRE AMG which she attended. A full report had been sent to members prior to the meeting, She advised members to look for the newly designed NASACRE website.
Mike Follen thanked Tania for sharing her experience with the meeting.
- Post 16 conference
Ken Johnson discussed the evaluation of this event which members had received prior to the meeting. This was the first time SACRE had worked with St

John's college and the University and both were willing to participate next year if required. Mike Follen asked Ken to begin dialogue with providers for a similar event next year.

Following a discussion on which establishments accept RE as a qualification Ken Johnson agreed to try and find a list of establishments/professions who would accept RE.

- SACRE RE conference
Report already distributed
6 members attended plus others from out of county
evaluations positive
Programme altered as provider was ill
KJ – feels it is felt to be worthwhile
MF – delegates made comments that it was very inspiring
LF – links with other EMid authorities can facilitate distib of fliers, KJ distributes via NASACRE groups

8. Annual report and constitution update

Linda Foster informed the meeting that the annual report was almost finalised but examination data was provisional and needed to be reviewed to take account of first statistical release and comments reviewed accordingly. Members discussed the data requirements of the report and agreed that Ken should clarify this with NASACRE. It was also agreed that if final data was required rather than provisional data, this should be sent as an additional document rather than delay publication of the report.

It was agreed that the final report would be emailed to members, schools and other interested parties in pdf format after Ken & Linda had discussed the information.

Members expressed concern on the timelines for producing the annual report and it was agreed that Ken & Linda should liaise to agree a timeline and also who will be doing each task with a view to producing a first draft in the autumn term. Ken Johnson suggested that as the current format has been used for some years it might also be a good time to overhaul it.

9. National developments in RE

- Letter from R.E.C. re Subject Review
The press release letter was distributed to members prior to the meeting. A full copy of the document is available from Ken Johnson by email.
- R.E.C. Draft Programmes of Study for Key Stages 1-3

This item was a late addition to the agenda. Members were asked to comment via Survey Monkey by 5 July and also to let Ken have any comments for a collated response no later than 1 July.

10. Should we apply for a Westhills award 2014?

This is an annual award by NASACRE and members discussed the possibilities for SACRE who would have to submit any bid. It was agreed to circulate the document to Nottinghamshire teaching schools for expressions of interest.

11. Support for RE 2013 – 2014

- Networks, courses, conferences

The meeting discussed the provision of CPD events and the possibility of collaborative working with Nottinghamshire LA and teaching schools. LA will still provide larger conferences

It was agreed that Linda Foster should contact Minster School to discuss collaborative working with SACRE and any other interested parties and to invite Ken Johnson to join the discussion for CPD offer

- **Changes to curriculum GCSE**

Suzanne Paradine gave a detailed report on the proposed changes to the curriculum.

- **Should we produce something on the lines of Devon SACRE**

Members discussed the document and whether it would be useful to SACRE in promoting its work.

Members agreed to it being considered at a later meeting and Ken Johnson offered work on a draft document.

12. Group interchange of news.

Members were invited to share items of interest with members.

John Heard informed members that nationally a number of churches had worked together on the theme of Poverty – truth and lies, and recommended looking at the report 'The Lies we Tell Ourselves – ending comfortable myths about poverty' which can be found at www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/truthandliesaboutpoverty

Ken Johnson distributed information regarding a photo exhibition.

13. Dates of next meetings

Autumn term	8 October, 2013 possibly at Redhill Academy.
Spring term	tba
Summer term	tba

Mike Follen thanked Kimberley Academy for their kind hospitality and closed the meeting at 9.35pm