

Nottinghamshire County Council SACRE Meeting

The Nottingham Liberal Synagogue

Tuesday 19 March 2019

6.45pm

Minutes

Present	Representing
Andy Wall	Church of England
Bryony Charnock-Walmsley	NCC
Cllr Boyd Elliott	Chair
Craig Moxham	Church of England
Dr Anne Lumb	Church of England
Dr Sulaja	Hindu community
Godfrey Nix	Baha'i faith
Graham Jennings	United Reformed Church
Gurjeet Singh	Sikh Community
Irfan Malik	Ahmadiyya community
John Heard	Methodist Church
Kate Charlesworth	Church of England
Mary Moran	Secondary Teacher
Mike Arnold	Baptist Church
Naomi Posner	Jewish community
Rev Ken Johnson	Secretary
Richard Linford	Primary teacher
Russell Davies	Pagan Society
Sophie Farrell	Holocaust Centre
Val Jones	NCC/minuter

- Welcome** to the meeting from Cllr Elliott chair, thanking Norman Randall from the Nottingham Liberal synagogue for hosting the meeting.
- Norman Randall gave a presentation of the Jewish faith, a shortened version of one he gives to school visits and we were allowed to visit each of the 5 teaching areas, including the Ark and the tree of life.
- Apologies received from;**

Che Webster	John Graham
Cllr Phil Rostance	Mike Follen
Cllr Vaughn Hopewell	Michael Groves – retiring from SACRE
Dr Rathod	Bethan Inglis
Gemma Pettifor	Frances Knight
Gordon Thomas	Mark Melbourne
James Wale	

Ken informed the group that Michael Groves has now resigned and with Eddy Walton also resigning there is no representative from the Catholic faith, the diocese have not put any replacement names forward yet. Gordon Thomas from the Society of Friends has also resigned.

4. **Minutes of the previous meeting** were agreed to be a true record

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

- a) **Letter to SLT in schools regarding RE** has not yet been sent
- b) **Risk assessment** – Ken explained the risk assessments by Richard Linford showing on powerpoint demonstration. Norman Randall has already adopted the risk assessment and Richard is working with Dr Malik for further risk assessment documents. This will be distributed with minutes for reference.
- c) **Draft annual report** – Ken thanked everyone who commented on the report, this has now been submitted and was acknowledged by DFE.
- d) **West Hill NASACRE Award** – Ken, Cllr Boyd and Mike Arnold have been the working party on this. This award, if we are successful, would fund the event for next year. This has to be submitted in three weeks' time. John Heard said that particularly in the light of recent events we should highlight the need for cultural diversity in the current climate. Mike Arnold said it's a struggle in local school communities where the population is predominately white Christian to engage in cultural diversity. Ken noted there will be the matter of reporting back to NASACRE if the bid is successful. Mike also said that engaging with faith communities may help with the funding. Bryony asked whether we could put a bid to Heritage Lottery Funding. Cllr Elliott said as chair of SACRE he could ask other councillors to help with funding again. If we were successful we could move registering earlier and approach councillors in the areas from which the schools were selected. Sophie Farrell will look at providing the day cheaper. John Heard said the cost of £3000 for 60 pupils equates to £50 per pupil which seems rather expensive for a one day experience. Further discussions suggested that as this was cascaded when pupils' feedback to school it was deemed reasonable value for money. Sophie said delegates who attend can have a ticket which means free entry with a paying adult for 12 months, and there is a fund raising team which Sophie will approach for ideas.

ACTION Val to email SACRE members for reply by the end of the week concerning the wording of the bid.

6. **Any matters Arising not on the Agenda**

No matters arising

7. **Developments locally/nationally on RE**

Ken gave a quick explanation on items in document B. Regarding the item holding schools to account, Bryony said there is an issue with whistleblowing in secondary academies on non-compliant secondaries, Ken said SACRE has no authority to go into schools to check on this. Regarding RE courses this year we have had low take up, but this low take up in courses is County wide. Bryony suggested we have the word Ofsted in the title which may boost numbers for next year's major day in February.

8. **Agreed syllabus review 2020**

Ken said this needs to be started in 2020, explained the two options available. It was pointed out that there was a third, which was coming to view our syllabus was still okay as it stood from a County point of view. Graham Jennings felt Option 1 was less satisfactory as the syllabus

would not reflect our local situation so well and that the cost, across the authority, would end up being greater if schools did actually purchase the Syllabus from RE Today.

A key question would be whether the City SACRE wanted to be involved and how far?

Ken was due to meet with the city SACRE secretary to discuss a possible agenda for our joint meeting in June. Discussion over whether to give city the option choice but felt we need to decide which option then ask City if they want to join in. Bryony said the syllabus should be linked to the 3 Ofsted directives – Intent, Implementation, Impact. Cllr Boyd asked for 5 mins recess for groups to vote on which option to go for. Unanimous vote for option 2 with a note as to explore possible expenditure costs. The principle was to go with option 2 and then to consider the ramifications of what might be needed to support the syllabus.

9. Group interchange of news

Ken highlighted revision of Ofsted inspections and framework – character, education, behaviour, well-being now being focus at inspections. Dr Lumb said encouraging that this was already in church schools. Bryony said we will never move from the exam culture. Richard noted all the points Ken raised are valid, RE values, Ebac excludes RE, won't get as far in secondary but if we can have an impact in primary? Graham Jennings highlighted second bullet point – Ofsted should report if schools are not compliant in terms of teaching RE and not following statutory requirements. Richard said if Ofsted does report this in the public domain, this would help us to identify schools and help them. Craig said the Ofsted judgement should be affected if school not compliant. Mary noted there are schools deemed outstanding who are not teaching RE.

Mike Arnold appealed for anyone willing to deliver in faith communities, Ofsted can mark down for lack of diversity. Please contact Mike if you can help.

April 14th is Vaisakhi celebration in the Sikh faith, Gurjeet Singh said they are meeting at 9am at Forest Recreation Ground (Goosefair site), then a procession to city centre market square for the events planned all day, everyone welcome.

Godfrey mentioned the bicentennial anniversary of the Ba'hai faith and that there are no places of worship in this country, the nearest one is in Frankfurt Germany.

Sophie Farrell said the Holocaust centre has a brand new programme for school visits.

Naomi said 30 March is the Rabbi's concert and had flyers for how to book.

NASACRE asking for comments, deadline 5 April. If there are comments from a SACRE point of view can they be sent to Val so a SACRE response can be created using comments from the meetings discussion.

10. Date of next meeting 13 June 2019 6pm at The Holocaust Centre with the City SACRE.