

# Nottinghamshire County Council SACRE Meeting

Wednesday November 26th 2014

## Minutes

Present	Representing
Tania Goldsmith	Church of England
Anne Lumb	Church of England
Craig Moxham	Church of England
Gail Brockway	Secondary teachers
Bethan Inglis	Secondary teachers
Andy Vickers	NUT representative
Richard Linford	Primary teacher
Mike Follen	NAHT
Cllr Liz Plant	Cllr Liz Plant
Graham Jennings	United Reform Church
Mike Arnold	Baptist
Santokh Nijran Singh	Sikh Community
Andrew Whitehouse	Salvation Army
Godfrey Nix	Baha'i
Pippa Ling	Quakers
Gemma Pettifor	Assemblies of God
Jon Heard	Methodist
Ken Johnson	Secretary, SACRE
Andy Fox	NCC
Cathy Clark	Roman Catholic Church
Val Jones	NCC/minuter

### 1. Welcome

Councillor Liz Plant Chair of Committee welcomed members and opened the meeting. Nomination for vice chair for Group B was selected – Dave Maddison elected.

### 2. Presentation by Emma Anderton Cathedral Education Officer of the work with children at Southwell Minster.

This outlined the work done at the Minister for young people in the County

### 3. Apologies & Membership

Apologies:

Dave Maddison Church of England

Michael Groves & Krys Pietryka Roman Catholic

Terry Allcott ASCL

Cllr Kate Foale

Cllr Jon Wilmott

Mel Gotheridge Buddhist

Naomi Posner Jewish Community

Ken Johnson said he had received a letter from a member of the Pagan Society wishing to represent them at SACRE meetings. Ken said that he could be co-opted if SACRE so desired. There was a unanimous agreement for an invite to be sent to him for the next meeting.

4. **Minutes of the previous Meeting**

Apart from an omission from the attendance list agreed as a true and accurate record

5. **Any Matters Arising not on the Agenda**

There were no matters raised which were not on the agenda.

6. **Constitution/ views expressed to EIS/ February venue**

Ken asked Andy Fox for the progress on the constitution. This has been handed over to Marion Clay and has been held up by the number of council members. It will be handed back to SACRE to be agreed

**Action:** Ken to put on agenda for next meeting

**Views expressed to EIS**

Cllr Liz Plant gave NCC response to views expressed by SACRE over funding. Reply was that there is no money available, NCC have the shortfall of 77K to resolve, more cuts in February. Andy Fox mentioned the possibility of SACRE to become self financing, with the success of the networks and the conference to be held in January. John Heard referred to the Ofsted report which stated that SACRE should be properly financed by local government. Would be interested to learn what other authorities do to support SACRE financially.

**Action:** Andy Fox to investigate SACRE support in other neighbouring authorities.

**Venues**

Pierrepont Gamston School have offered to host SACRE meeting in February  
The Holocaust Centre are to host SACRE meeting in June

7. **Draft annual report**

John Heard said there was a misplaced apostrophe at the top of page 6, perhaps the whole sentence could be taken out. This was agreed. Andy Vickers said the comments in the report were very good. Cllr Liz Plant asked if there were any comments on the GCSE results. Ken asked if there were any comments on sections 10 and 11. A question was raised regarding setting targets, wouldn't setting times for targets be better? Ken said the report is to cover next year so by end of 2015 could be deadline. This report needs to be sent by the end of next week – everyone agreed that ok to go with the amendments.

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

Ken gave feedback on the 5 schools who attended the conference at Nottingham Forest. A Video from the media was shown. Everyone agreed it was a great success, hopefully can plan for one next year, could we do a primary conference too? Cllr Plant said she attended in the morning and agreed it went very well. Gemma said it raised the profile to support SACRE. SACRE commented on the NASACRE questionnaire which raised some interesting questions and agreed some answers.

**Action:** Andy Fox to work out how much support from NCC was given to SACRE.

**9. Group inter change of news**

Godfrey Nix said that the Baha'i dates in calendars may be out of date as now instead of using different calendars eg Gregorian and Julian, there will be just the one used.

Anne Lumb showed a copy of the National Society 'Making a difference' report which includes a report from Magnus school. It would be useful for CPD for teachers of RE, a useful indicator as more difficult for SACRE to report.

**Action:** Ken to download a copy and send to everyone.

**10. Dates of next meetings; February 25<sup>th</sup> / June 2015**

This was covered earlier

Meeting closed at 8pm

## **Agreed Syllabus Conference**

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**Agenda** Chair: Gemma Pettifor Attendance as per SACRE meeting

**1. Minutes of the last Meeting** Document D attached

Gemma introduced the meeting.

All agreed previous minutes as a true and accurate record

**2. Update on the Agreed Syllabus Review**

The Agreed Syllabus for RE in Nottinghamshire was presented for comment and consideration. Ken had brought a glossy copy from print room at NCC, agreed the colour coding needs to be stronger and throughout the book to show the different themes of the steps A, B & C.

Gemma has examples of resources which can be forwarded.

Group A agreed syllabus now ok, Group B agreed syllabus ok, Group C agreed syllabus ok although regarding the focus on secondary level, may not be as well prepared for GCSE syllabus in RE, might need more guidance.

Ken suggested more guidance may be offered as the new GCSE syllabus not yet available. Gemma mentioned specific schools could be hubs. The pull out for teachers can be made available on cd.

Group D raised the inconsistency of using required and recommended, perhaps to keep to recommended. Section 2.2 gave 6 recommended religions, perhaps needs a broader focus. Andy Vickers said there were signposts to make choices. 5 main options offered but can change to recommended religions.

Gemma explained why the 5 main religions were used, can put recommend so there were the options for teachers. One comment regarding Sikhism done at their school proving very useful, perhaps the signposts to ensure specialist and non-specialist teachers have the opportunity to make choices. Andy Fox said perhaps to add a note on page 20 to include local community. Gemma said perhaps a good compromise was to move paragraph at bottom of page 12 to move to top which included human tolerance. This was agreed. Gemma said there were many schools with non-specialist teachers in RE. This syllabus with cd is designed to be adapted to support all. Lat had suggested the A3 pullout to be more prominent. Gemma asked if first section was ok to be signed off. Agreed. KS1 section – agreed. KS2 section – agreed. KS3 – agreed. All ok to sign off. Gemma thanked all on the working party for all their hard work, and especially to Ken and Lat.

**3. Dates**

January 15 /1/15 Launch of the Agreed Syllabus to which SACRE members could come with members of the writing group – Application forms to be circulated.

Tuesday 3rd March Twilight meeting at King Edward Primary

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May afternoon RE network meeting

17<sup>th</sup> June twilight meeting at the Holocaust Centre (Sunday)

Diocese offering two days for Church Schools as the Diocese would hopefully be adopting the syllabus after the launch in January.

At the launch it would be hoped that a listing of CPDF opportunities would be available with booking through the Authority.

The meeting closed at 8.43 p.m.