

Time commenced - 7.30 pm
Time finished - 8.45pm

**STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION
15 FEBRUARY 2006**

Present: **Committee A**
Reverend Mair Bradley (United Reformed Church)
Maryam Djavid (Bahai Faith)
Dr Hardial Singh Dhillon (Sikh Faith)
Arshid Rafiq (Islamic Faith - Jamia Mosque)
Phil Royle (Methodist Church)
Joan Price (Pentecostal Church)
Ruth Dolby (Jewish Faith)

Committee B (Church of England)
Anne Johns (Chair)
Viv Lawrence
Rosemary Wibberley

Committee C (Teachers' Associations)
David Nichols (SHA)

Committee D (Local Education Authority)
None

Co-opted Members
Eileen Fry (Multi Faith Centre)

Apologies
Councillor Higginbottom
Councillor Hird
Kate McRae (NAHT)
Raj Bali (Hindu Faith)
Joan Hodgkinson (NUT)

The meeting was inquorate.

26/05 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

27/05 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

28/05 Minutes

The minutes of the SACRE meeting held on 24 November 2005 were agreed as a correct record, subject to the following amendment:

The resolution for minute number 19/05 – SACRE Bid to NASACRE for Funding, should read:

Resolved to support the bid for funding from NASACRE and to approve the final bid document at the next meeting.

29/05 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

30/05 Council Presentation from Andrew Flack - Corporate Director for Children and Young People

The members received a presentation from Andrew Flack, Corporate Director for Children and Young People, detailing the functions of the service now that the changes to the structure had been implemented.

The Chair thanked Andrew Flack for his informative presentation.

31/05 SACRE Bid to NASACRE

Anne Johns distributed to the members a revised copy of the SACRE bid to NASACRE and explained that this was now the complete bid which included the correct figures. The members were in support of the bid.

Resolved to approve the bid and send to NASACRE.

32/05 SACRE Action Plan 2005 – 2008

Graham Falgate informed the members that he had started to address the key priorities that were set out in the plan and it was going well. The group discussed other key priorities that needed to be addressed and suggested the type of action to be taken.

Key Priority 4a and b

It was reported that information regarding the provision of collective worship was needed, including the processes used. It was noted that schools often liked groups to come in and take assemblies. It was suggested that the members could provide a list of these types of groups for the schools to use. David Nicholls commented that schools were cautious regarding groups they allow in and the kind of information being offered. It was suggested that these

groups give a presentation to a SACRE meeting before going into the schools, or members could go and see the group doing an assembly else where. It was noted that schools would be happy for members to come along and see the collective worship.

Key Priority 1a (Compliance time allocation)

Graham Falgate informed the members that OFSTED inspection reports often gave comment to the schools compliance regarding collective worship but many reports failed to include any reference to this aspect of school life. At Littleover Community School a survey was sent to students, parents and staff asking whether the school should continue to operate as it was or to change to meet the legal requirements. A large percentage stated they did not want any changes. It was suggested that members could encourage schools to carry out a similar survey.

Key Priority 1e (Resources)

Graham Falgate asked the members to let him know if there were resources that members could provide to support RE in Derby Schools.

Key Priority 2a (Information and advice)

Graham Falgate reported that he would inform the members when the meetings with RE co-ordinators were organised.

Key Priority 1d (Recruitment and Retention)

It was noted that the action for this priority had been agreed at the last meeting and the aim for this meeting was to produce the questions for the questionnaire. A suggestion was made to keep the questions as simple as possible as people would not fill it in if they had to put in a lot of detail. All questions were given to Graham Falgate to put into the appropriate format for the questionnaire. It was agreed that the questionnaire would be sent to schools and the results should be available for the summer meeting of SACRE.

Agreed:

- 1. for Graham Falgate to take all the information provided by members and put it into the plan.**
- 2. for Graham Falgate to produce a draft questionnaire using the questions suggested by members. David Nicholls volunteered to read draft questionnaire and make appropriate amendments if necessary. Graham Falgate to then send the questionnaire into schools for their responses.**

33/05 Annual SACRE Report

Graham Falgate thanked everybody that had been involved and had made a contribution to the Annual SACRE report.

Resolved to note the report.

34/05 Membership and Attendance of SACRE

The members discussed the current membership and attendance of SACRE. It was noted that attendance needed to be looked into as there were appointed members who had not attended regularly. The SACRE constitution states that if a member does not attend for three consecutive meetings then they should be disqualified from membership.

Graham Falgate stressed the importance of attendance as it caused problems when making decisions as this meeting SACRE was inquorate. It was agreed to contact the individual members who had not attended regularly to inquire if they would still like to be a member.

Resolved to write to the members of SACRE that had not attended the last three consecutive meetings and ask if they would like to continue the membership or nominate a replacement.

35/05 Date of Young Citizens Award Ceremony

Graham Falgate informed the members that the original date had been changed, the event would now be taking place on Wednesday 21 June 2006 at 7pm at the Assembly Rooms. The members were asked to contact Graham if they would like to attend.

36/05 Report back on this years Holocaust day/week

It was reported that the event was very successful with high attendance, especially from schools. The main events took place at the Assembly Rooms and the Cathedral and the level of presentations from different groups and schools was very high. It was noted that some of the smaller events throughout the week were not as well attended and more advertising was needed. Overall it was a great event.

37/05 Any Other Business

Graham Falgate sent his thanks to Sarah Turner for her good work in servicing the SACRE meetings in previous years.

38/05 Arrangements for Future Meetings

Members were advised that the next meeting of SACRE would be held on Tuesday 13 June 2006 at 7.30pm and the following meeting on Thursday 16 November 2006 at 7.30pm. Both meetings would be held at the Multi Faith Centre.

MINUTES END