

Time commenced – 7.15pm
Time finished – 9.00pm

**STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
17 JULY 2012**

Present:

Group A – Christianity and Other World Faiths

Maryam Djavid	Bahai Faith
Raj Bali	Hindhu Faith
Phil Royle	Methodist Church
Wendy Jordan	Salvation Army
Rev Roy Ninkovic	Serbian Orthodox Church
Ruth Dolby	Jewish Faith (Vice-Chair)
Aslam Siddiqi	Islamic Faith

Group B – Church of England

Rosemary Wibberley
Maxine Bull

Group C – Teachers' Associations

Jane Oldershaw	ATL
Kate McRae	NAHT
Kelly Bradley	NUT

Group D – Local Education Authority

Councillors Campbell, Turner, Whitby, F Winter, Wood

Co-opted Members

Laura Connolly	The Open Centre
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01/12 Welcome to New Members

Councillors Campbell, Whitby and F Winter were welcomed as new Members to the SACRE.

02/12 Appointment of the Chair

Resolved that Councillor Turner be appointed as Chair of the SACRE for the 2012/13 municipal year.

03/12 Appointment of the Vice-Chair

Resolved:

1. that Phil Royle be appointed as Chair of Group A for the 2012/13 municipal year;
2. that Alison Brown be appointed as Chair of Group B for the 2012/13 municipal year;
3. that the Chair of Group C be appointed at the next meeting of the SACRE; and
4. that the Vice-Chair of the SACRE be appointed at the next meeting of the SACRE.

04/12 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Joan Price, Lucy Care, Rev Mrs Mair Bradley, Viv Lawrence, Alison Brown and Dr Phil Henry.

05/12 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

06/12 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Campbell declared a personal interest as he was a member of the NASUWT.

07/12 Minutes of the Previous Meeting – 26 March 2012

The minutes of the meeting on 26 March 2012 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

08/12 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

09/12 SACRE Vacancies

The Constitutional Services Officer summarised the current SACRE vacancies and talked to Members about the areas of the SACRE constitution that govern membership. He proposed that all nominating bodies be contacted to re-nominate existing Members or to nominate new representatives. He also proposed that amendments be made to the SACRE constitution, such as a term of office being decided for co-opted Members.

Resolved that:

- **the Constitutional Services Officer bring a report on membership and vacancies to the next SACRE meeting; and**
- **the Constitutional Services Officer bring a report on recommended changes to the SACRE constitution to the next SACRE meeting.**

10/12 SACRE Action Plan

Members discussed progress made on the three actions from the SACRE action plan:

1. Clarify SACRE roles and responsibilities and how these can be met.
2. Make a document for schools, professional associations and faith groups to detail SACRE roles and responsibilities (established as part of Action 1) and explain lines of communication.
3. Build close relationships with schools.

Members noted that progress had been made and agreed that the working party established at the November meeting should carry on.

Resolved to agree that the working party carry on working on the completion of the three actions in the SACRE action plan.

11/12 School Visits and Induction for SACRE Members

Members received feedback on the recent school visits training for SACRE Members that had taken place at Chellaston Academy. Thanks were given to Christine Smith and her team at Chellaston Academy. Thanks were also given to all the SACRE Members who attended the first training session.

Members noted that the next school visits training would take place in the autumn. Maxine Bull, as Head Teacher of St Chad's Church of England Nursery and Infant School, volunteered her school for the autumn training. The Inclusion Manager explained that he would put a note in the General Circular asking for other schools to volunteer to allow further training sessions to take place. It was agreed that Viv Lawrence would continue to organise the school visits training.

Members agreed that a letter to visit a school needed to come from the Local Authority and that once Member training had been completed the selection of schools would be random.

Members approved, with minor amendments, the three guidance documents for school visits.

Resolved:

1. **to give thanks to Christine Smith and her team at Chellaston Academy for the first training session;**
2. **to give thanks to all the SACRE Members who attended the first training**

session;

- 3. that Viv Lawrence continues to organise school visits training;**
- 4. to agree that the next training session will take place in the Autumn; and**
- 5. to approve, with minor amendments, the three guidance documents for school visits.**

12/12 Letter to the Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group for Religious Education

The Inclusion Manager explained to Members that the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Religious Education (RE) had been set up as a result of RE being omitted from the English Baccalaureate. Members noted that, as agreed at the last meeting, a letter had been sent from the SACRE to the Chair of the APPG. The letter outlined the SACRE's concerns over how RE is taught in academy schools. Members also noted that information on the work of the APPG could be found at:

www.recouncil.org.uk

Resolved:

- 1. to note the update; and**
- 2. that the Inclusion Manager brings a further update on the APPG to the next meeting of the SACRE.**

13/12 National and Local Updates From Members

There were no national and local updates from Members.

14/12 Annual SACRE report

The Inclusion Manager reported that although there was no longer a requirement to submit a copy of the annual SACRE report to the Department of Education or the disbanded Qualifications and Curriculum Development Agency, it was still seen as good practice to produce one. Members noted that it had been agreed at the last SACRE meeting that the annual report should be briefer than it had been formally and that it would be sent to schools and other key contacts. Members discussed ideas for inclusion in the report, such as a brief summary of school visits and an update on the NASACRE AGM 2012. The Inclusion Manager invited Members to submit short articles to him and gave a deadline of Friday 17 August 2012.

Resolved to agree that any short articles to be included in the annual SACRE report be sent to Graham Falgate by Friday 17 August 2012.

15/12 NASACRE AGM 2012

As Rev Mrs Mair Bradley had attended the NASACRE AGM 2012 but had sent her apologies, it was agreed to carry the item over to the next meeting of the SACRE.

Resolved to agree that Rev Mrs Mair Bradley gives feedback on the NASACRE AGM 2012 at the next meeting of the SACRE.

16/12 Free School Update

It was reported that the setting up of the Al-Madinah free school had been agreed by the Secretary of State and it was possible that the school would open in November 2012 at Norman House, Derby.

Resolved to note the update.

17/12 Strategies for Getting to Know Each Other

Members discussed possible activities that could be undertaken at the next SACRE meeting to give Members the opportunity to get to know each other. It was suggested that pen portraits could be used to provide informal descriptions of Members. It was also suggested that Members could bring food to the next meeting and eat together before the meeting starts.

Resolved to agree that Members would bring food to the next meeting at 6.00pm and eat together before the meeting starts.

18/12 Future Meeting Dates

It was confirmed that the next meeting date would be Wednesday 7 November 2012.

19/12 Any Other Business

There were no items for any other business.

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