

Time commenced - 7.30 pm
Time finished - 9.10 pm

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 21 MAY 2007

Present:

Committee A

Rev Mair Bradley (United Reformed Church)
Dr Hardial Singh Dhillon (Sikh Faith)
Ruth Dolby (Jewish Faith)
Joan Price (Pentecostal Church)
Phil Royle (Methodist Church)
David Ginns (Buddhist Faith)

Committee B (Church of England)

Anne Johns
Rosemary Wibberley

Committee C (Teachers' Associations)

Kate McRae (NAHT)
Joan Hodgkinson (NUT)
David Nichols (SHA)

Committee D (Local Authority)

Councillor Ginns
Councillor Higginbottom

Co-opted Members

John Hey (representing the Open Centre)
Eileen Fry (Multi Faith Centre)

Apologies

Councillor Bolton (Local Authority)
Raj Bali (Hindu Faith)
Wendy Jordan (Salvation Army) Alison Brown
Alison Brown (Church of England)

38/06 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items, however the Chair thanked Eileen Fry for her contributions to SACRE and wished her well in her retirement.

39/06 Declarations of Interest

Name	Type of Interest	Reason
Councillor Higginbottom	Personal	Vice Chair of Governors – Ashgate Primary School Governor – Brackensdale Junior School
Kate McRae	Personal	Head Teacher – Griffield Primary School

40/06 Minutes

The minutes of the SACRE meeting held on 6 February 2007 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the chair.

41/06 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

42/06 Child Protection Issues in Places of Worship

Members received a presentation from Mark Sobey, Derby Safeguarding Children's Board Policy Officer, on the role of the Safeguarding Children's Board in Derby and how increasing partnership working would ensure the safety of Children in the City. SACRE discussed the need for a policy to protect children in places of worship. Mark commented that most groups would have their own policy, producing a policy for everyone to sign up to would help those groups that did not have a policy in place and to ensure that those that did were up to date. Mark advised that training would be provided to groups although it was difficult to ensure they continued with training.

Resolved to look at the Child Protection issues in Places of Worship document at the next meeting and to discuss a policy for Derby.

43/06 Presentation on the Humanist Association

Members received a presentation on the Humanist Association from Mike Lake, Derbyshire Secularists and Humanists. Members were also provided with a copy of Mike's biography and background information.

Agreed to note the presentation.

44/06 Annual SACRE Awards/Global Citizenship Initiatives

Members considered a report from Graham Falgate, Education Officer, on the proposals for an Annual SACRE Report. Graham advised that he had discussed this with Secondary RE Coordinators who were happy with the proposals. If agreed this would be sent to all schools in September 2007.

Resolved to approve the proposals for an Annual SACRE Award and that details of this be distributed to all schools in September 2007.

45/06 Religious Resources

Members considered a report from Eileen Fry – Multi Faith Centre regarding a request from schools in the Allestree area for people who would be prepared to talk about their faith in a way which children could both understand and relate. Eileen asked members of SACRE to consider ways to recruit more people to talk to children about faith experiences, training for these volunteers and whether it would be useful to have a database of well trained and able people to assist in the delivery of the RE curriculum. Eileen advised that the Multi Faith Centre would be willing to provide the training.

John Hey – Open Centre stated that the Open Centre would be happy to provide people to do this although they were already stretched.

Resolved to ask Eileen Fry – Multi Faith Centre to liaise with the Open Centre and Graham Falgate – Education Officer, to progress this issue.

46/06 SACRE Action Plan

Resolved to defer this item for consideration at the next meeting.

47/06 Appointment of a Co-opted Member

Members of SACRE were asked to consider the appointment of Mike Lake as a co-opted member representing the Humanist Association. Members agreed that Mike be appointed as a member of the British Humanist Association but not as a member of the Derbyshire Secularists that he was also a member of.

Resolved to appoint Mike Lake as a Co-opted Member representing the British Humanist Association and that the appointment would be subject to an annual review.

48/06 Any Other Business

National Strategy for Religious Education

A document containing proposals for a national Strategy for Religious Education was distributed to members.

Resolved to include the National Strategy for Religious Education as an agenda item for the next meeting.

Presentation for the next meeting

Members considered suggestions for presentations at the next meeting.

Resolved to have a presentation from a Primary School representative and the Buddhist Faith representative at the next meeting.

49/06 Arrangements for the Next Meeting

The next meeting of SACRE will take place at the Multi Faith Centre at 7.30pm on Monday 19 November 2007.

MINUTES END