

Time commenced - 7.30 pm
Time finished - 9.10 pm

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 4 NOVEMBER 2003

Present:

Committee A

Arshid Rafiq (Islamic Faith – Jamia Mosque)
Eileen Fry (Multi Faith Centre)
Maryam Djavid (Baha'i Faith)
Phil Royle (Methodist Church)
Mair Bradley (United Reformed Church)
Rev Roy Ninkovic (Serbian Orthodox Church)
Max Rensler (Jewish Faith)

Committee B (Church of England)

Rosemary Wibberley
Viv Lawrence

Committee C

Marilyn French (NASUWT)
Kate McCray (NAHT)
Joan Hodgkinson (NUT)
Helen Shacklock (ATL)

Committee D (Local Education Authority)

Councillors Jones and Turner

Apologies:

Councillor Wynn
Dr Hardial Singh Dhillon (Sikh Faith - Guru Arjan Dev Gurdwara)
Joan Price (Pentecostal Church)
Wendy Jordan (Salvation Army)
David Nicholls (SHA)
Graham Coldman (Baptist Church)
Geoff Robson (Church of England)

08/03 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

09/03 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

10/03 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 July 2003

The minutes of the last SACRE meeting held on 15 July 2003 were signed by the Chair.

11/03 Appointment of Vice-Chair

Resolved to appoint Mair Bradley as the Vice-Chair of SACRE for the ensuing year.

12/03 Presentation on the Progress of the Multi-Faith Centre

Eileen Fry gave a presentation on the progress of the Multi-Faith Centre. The project had been ten years in the making and involved seven world religious traditions. The Multi-Faith Centre was a registered charity and not part of Derby University. The centre would be finished by July 2004 and would be available for staff, students of the University and the local communities to pray and meditate.

Members agreed that this was a unique project, internationally as well as nationally. Members expressed their thanks to Eileen Fry for her hard work and dedication over the years in bringing the Multi Faith Centre to Derby.

13/03 Presentation by Muslim Faith Representatives

Arshid Rafiq gave a presentation on the Muslim faith.

The Chair thanked Arshid for his presentation and his insight into the Muslim Faith.

14/03 An Analysis of 2002 SACRE Report

Graham Falgate advised that the main findings in the summary of the Report included a number of recommendations that had been highlighted by the Derby SACRE. A lot of the recommendations in the report had been included in the agreed Syllabus for Derby. It was agreed that the document was an encouraging and useful read.

Graham Falgate advised that Derby SACRE had been omitted from the list SACRE Reports submitted, in Appendix 1 of the document. An email had since been received from QCA, apologising for this error.

The document mentioned the formation of student SACRE's which Derby SACRE were keen to encourage and support. Graham Falgate advised that this had been discussed at the Derby Youth Forum.

Resolved:

- 1. to include the formation of a Student SACRE on the Agenda for a future meeting**
- 2. to note the report.**

15/03 SACRE Annual Report 2002/03

Graham Falgate advised that each year local authorities produced an annual report. This years report needed to be submitted to the QCA Principal Officer by the 1 January 2004. Members were asked to forward details of any Conferences they had attended in the last academic year 2002/03, in the form of a brief report. Reports needed to be submitted to Graham by Friday 12 December 2003.

Graham advised that a working party needed to be formed to scrutinise the last academic years OfSTED reports.

Resolved to set up a working party comprising of Marilyn French, Geoff Robson and Councillor Jones, who will meet on 11 December 2003 at Middleton House.

16/03 The New RE Agreed Syllabus 2003/08

Graham Falgate advised that since the launch of the agreed Syllabus 2003/08, he had received positive feedback. Members advised that they though the document was user friendly, very informative and interesting.

Members agreed that the speakers at the launch of the Agreed Syllabus gave very challenging speeches, showing a new perspective of R.E. teaching in Schools.

Graham advised that Derby would run a competition next year, along the lines of the Spirited Art Competition, talked about in the presentation.

The Chair expressed his thanks on behalf of the Authority for this wonderful document, with special thanks to Graham Falgate.

17/03 Media Coverage of New Agreed Syllabus.

It was agreed that the media coverage surrounding the agreed syllabus was excellent.

Graham Falgate asked that representatives of Faith Communities provide him with a list of role models for their faith - especially if their role model was still alive. A role model was defined as someone who has never been hostile to another person or another faith. As soon as a comprehensive list had been compiled, this would be included in the agreed syllabus.

18/03 Learning for Living Awards Anthology

Graham Falgate advised that this was a fantastic celebration of young people's achievements in Derby. The Chair stated that this showed excellent animation amongst children in Derby. But needed to ensure that this example was disseminated to all schools. Members agreed that this was a very enjoyable read.

19/03 Anne Frank Exhibition and Writing Competition

Graham Falgate advised that alongside the Anne Frank exhibition a writing competition ran for Schools, years 6 and upwards. Children were asked to write a short piece of work in the style of Anne Frank. Although the level of entries was very high, Graham advised that he was disappointed with how few schools had actually taken part. He advised that the four winners would be going to Amsterdam to visit the Van Gough Museum and the Anne Frank Museum. They would also read an extract of their work at the Holocaust Memorial at the Assembly Rooms and at the Learning for Living Awards next year.

20/03 QCA Conference and SACRE's

Agreed to nominate Arshid Rafiq as the nominated representative of Derby SACRE at the QCA Conference for SACRE's.

21/03 Date of Chairs Pre-Meeting

Agreed to hold the Chairs Pre-Meeting for the SACRE meeting on 24 February 2004 on 4 February 2004 at 5pm.

Agreed to hold the Chairs Pre-Meeting for the SACRE Meeting on Tuesday 8 June at 5pm on Wednesday 12 May.

22/03 Arrangements for the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on 24 February at 7pm at Griffie Field Primary School.

Agreed that a presentation by a Member of the Jewish faith would take place at the next meeting.

24/03 Any Other Business

Max Rensler advised that he would be leaving the Derby SACRE following the next meeting and he would submit a letter to the Members Services Officer advising of a suggested replacement to represent the Jewish faith.

MINUTES END