

Time commenced - 7.20pm
Time finished - 8.35pm

**STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
2 JULY 2009**

Present: **Committee A (Christianity and Other World Faiths)**

Rev Mrs Mair Bradley
Rev Mr Roy Ninkovic
Arshid Rafiq
Ruth Dolby
Phil Royle
David Ginns

Committee B (Church of England)

Viv Lawrence
Alison Brown
Maxine Bull

Committee D (Local Authority)

Councillor Ginns
Councillor Higginbottom
Councillor Khan

Co-opted Members

Laura Connolly
Mike Lake

Also present

Fasal Hussain

01/09 Appointment of Chair

SACRE agreed to appoint Councillor Higginbottom as Chair for the municipal year.

02/09 Appointment of Vice Chair

SACRE agreed to appoint Mair Bradley as Vice Chair for the municipal year.

03/09 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Care and Turner, Joan Price, Raj Barley, Kate McRae, Rosemary Wibberley and Kate Tippen.

04/09 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

05/09 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

06/09 Minutes of the Inquorate meeting Held on 16 March 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2009 could not be confirmed by SACRE as the meeting was again inquorate.

07/09 Vacancies on SACRE

Graham Falgate informed SACRE that he had contacted the Teachers Associations to ask for nominations to sit on SACRE and he reported that hopefully there would be an NUT representative at the autumn meeting.

08/09 Reflections on the new RE Agreed Syllabus and launch – discussion

Graham Falgate asked SACRE to provide feedback on the RE Agreed Syllabus Launch Event.

Mair Bradley commented that that launch was a really good morning and it was great to see the impact in schools. Mair stated that many participants she had spoken to had been full of praise for the syllabus and had also borrowed copies of the document.

Resolved to note the success of the RE Agreed Syllabus Launch.

09/09 Annual SACRE Report – discussion

Graham Falgate asked SACRE to provide reflections for the Annual SACRE Report. He reported that the document would be produced in the autumn term and that previously SACRE had provided an input. Graham asked for

any comments to be sent to him by email before August to they could be included in the report.

Resolved to note that the annual report will now be based on the academic year and not the calendar year.

10/09 QCA Glossary of terms

Graham Falgate asked SACRE for their comments on the Religious Education: Glossary of Terms. He reported that the document was published by the School Examination Council and was a comprehensive glossary for all major faiths.

SACRE noted that no faith had tried to define GOD but that the glossary was very detailed and there were no objections from any group.

Resolved to accept the QCA Glossary of terms.

11/09 SACRE website and contact details – update

Mike Lake informed SACRE that the glossary of terms used in Religious Education which he had produced was still on the SCARE website but as a result of overwhelming opposition to it by SACRE members he no longer wished to run the website. He felt that to not allow the document was undemocratic and it would be against his principals to continue to manage the website. Mike informed SACRE that he would provide the website on a disc for another member to continue if they so wished.

Graham Falgate thanked Mike on behalf of SACRE for all his work on the website. Graham explained that the glossary would be removed from the website when Mike provided the disc and it was clear what needed to be done technically.

12/09 The Open Centre – survey of student attitudes

Mike Lake informed SACRE that The Open Centre was moving to St James Centre on Saturday 1 August 2009. The group have the ground floor of the centre for three years but it was felt that the space was in the wrong location as it was $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from its current location. It was reported that there was support from the Council to find long term accommodation, possibly within the Normanton Mills site.

Mike informed SACRE that The Open Centre was getting increasingly busy and that the group were developing their services with twilights events. It was suggested that SACRE receive a presentation on the work that The Open Centre was doing at the meting meeting.

Resolved to receive a presentation on The Open Centre's work at the next scheduled meeting of SACRE.

13/09 Any other business

SACRE shared details of their knowledge and experience of SACRE to each other on their faiths.

14/09 Date of the next meeting

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 10 November 2009 at the Open Centre at their new address at the St James Centre. The meeting following this would be held on Wednesday 10 March 2009 at the Multi Faith Centre.

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