

Nottinghamshire County Council SACRE Meeting

On Teams

Tuesday November 23 2021

Groups meet at 6.30pm - 7pm

Full SACRE at 7pm – 8.15 pm

Present	Representing
Alan Darlington	D Methodist Church
Anne Thompson	C NASUWT
Bryony Charnock-Walmsley	NCC
Cllr Boyd Elliott	A Council
Cllr Tracey Taylor	A Council
Craig Moxham	B Church of England
Caroline Hornsby	D Roman Catholic
Dr Anne Lumb	B Church of England
Godfrey Nix	D Baha'i Faith
Graham Jennings	D United Reformed Church
Gurjeet Singh	D Sikh Community
Hafiz M Muntazir	D Muslim Community
Irfan Malik	Muslim Ahmadiyya co-opted
Kate Charlesworth	B Church of England
Mary Moran	C Secondary Teacher
Megan Brooksby	B Church of England
Naomi Posner	D Jewish Community
Rev Ken Johnson	Secretary
Richard Linford	C Primary teacher
Russell Davies	D Pagan Society
Stephanie Smart	B Church of England
Tom Drew	D Quaker Society
Val Jones	NCC/minuter

1. Welcome

Cllr Boyd Elliott opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and asked members to introduce themselves as there were new members joining for the first time.

2. Apologies & Membership

Apologies from James Wale Cllr Richard Butler, Louise Stafford, Mike Arnold, Naomi Waring. Jon Hoover sent apologies after meeting

a) Election of Vice Chair from Group C

Richard Linford elected Vice Chair

b) Membership situation update – Ken has secured new representatives now present at this meeting. Ken to chase up absentees

3. Minutes of the previous meeting: - 28 June 2021

Minutes agreed to be a true record of the last meeting

4. Matters Arising not itemised below;

4a SACRE leaflet – Ken thanked all involved in the production of the SACRE leaflet which has now been published as an online document - bit.ly/NottsSACRE

5 Code of conduct – Document B

At the last meeting Graham was asked to look at proposed code of conduct for Notts SACRE and suggest any further comments.

Proposed to insert after Visiting Schools:-

on behalf of SACRE to be followed with a slight rewording of this Section.

Further bullet points could be added.

Richard said at the summer meeting document C from NASACRE would be the basis for NCC - *this document is based on NASACRE*

The conclusion reached was that more refinement was required on this document.

ACTION: Any further comments to email Val to put together for next meeting and Cllr Elliott proposed this document will be finalised at the next meeting.

6 Funding of SACRE by LA

Bryony was tasked with exploring the funding of SACRE, and she reported that it is not easy to obtain all the answers to this. NCC does not have a dedicated SACRE 'pot' so it was not easy to extract the information requested. Bryony had asked Diane Ward, her line manager for money to pay for the extra units from REToday which she granted and then asked City for a contribution as the units are being shared.

Craig said there were 2 points around the funding, when SACRE generates its own income is this included in figures? Bryony said we can give costings and income for the syllabus production and launch, cost of funding SACRE secretary but has not found the right person who knows how much of the CSSB (Central Schools Services Block) is used for SACRE.

Cllr Taylor has offered to help if Bryony and Val do not get the answers for the next meeting.

Would be useful if we could have a SACRE pot separate from sold service which it sits in currently?

Graham pointed out it was a 5-year cycle, some years would be higher spending than other years, so it would be good to have clarification. Anne said another key issue is how the funding is allocated for example, the RE syllabus and income generated, could we work towards being self-funded. It is difficult to have the same impact in schools if some schools cannot pay to access the syllabus.

ACTION: Bryony and Val to pursue sources to find answers to SACRE funding ready for next meeting and to include Cllr Taylor if proving unsuccessful

7 Ofsted Review Document C

Asked to bring to this meeting, but no further comments were received. It was pointed out that this was a useful document for teachers to use in discussion with Heads about RE provision

8 Self-Evaluation of SACRE

A new self-evaluation form was received and distributed to all members. Ken said the annual report will be based on the replies as from next year. This new SEF was meant to influence the development of SACRE.

Bryony said perhaps we need to take time to complete and then send to Val for compilation. Cllr Taylor said she hasn't done previously as she is a new member, when does this need completing? Ken replied by the end of the academic year to compile replies and use for next year's annual report

9 Draft Annual SACRE report Document D

The Contents page of this draft showed in red the sections of the New SEF which it refers to. Putting the Report into this format this year is not compulsory but was felt to be desirable if possible as the format had been agreed by DfE and NASACRE as this would be worked towards for the next academic year reporting.

We were asked to comment on attendance at meetings which was reflected in the draft as a percentage from the nominated groups.

There was guidance on what the introduction from the Chair could cover.

Section 2.1 feedback from teachers at the launch events of the Agreed Syllabus had been included as these were insights into teacher response to the Agreed Syllabus and the work of SACRE through its ASC.

Section 2.2 brought debate as NSASACRE had advised that this could be gleaned by members doing website trawls to see what schools mentioned about RE and also Collective Worship to get a flavour of what was going on in schools, the idea being that schools would be split between members.

Bryony has already done 30 schools, takes about 2 hours to check content, has found church schools don't necessarily have more detail.

Steph said in secondary schools that their feeder schools collated info but found students arrive in secondary and haven't covered the topics described. Schools in MATs find they are tied to what the MAT wants to have on website

Graham said that when he first joined SACRE NCC had 2 RE advisers and part of their role was to revise the RE curriculum. Bryony as adviser is much better placed to give a balanced overview than other members of SACRE. Anne agrees with Graham, also had a humanities adviser, can comment on church school RE policies as part of her role in the diocese.

SACRE members are volunteers, and this will be time consuming to ascertain what is happening in RE, could be difficult for SACRE members and a funding issue. Bryony said she is paid to undertake curriculum work and only looking at LA schools. Graham said in our draft guidance ensure we make no judgements. Advisers would have given their input. What Ken has put is valid

Cllr Boyd commented could be down to interpretation, does it say what is on the tin so to speak?

Mary said not all websites are up to date, she is continually updating her plans and if asked can produce, no time to update website, perhaps better to email schools for the information.

Cllr Elliott said we have emailed schools in the past and received a very poor response.

Ken has gone through a couple of Ofsted inspections and RE was not mentioned.

Graham said bullet points were there from 1944, we do need to challenge them.

Ken referring to the SEF suggestions pointed out that we do not have any local examination results to enter

We are trying to bring secondary teachers to an online network, the first meeting did go ahead but was not well attended across the City and County

Re teacher recruitment, how can we report on this?

Collective worship, some schools have abandoned this due to covid.

Tom said we need to work more on this.

Ken suggested we submit the report as we feel fit and see what comes back.

ACTION: any comments please send to Val or Ken, replies need to be in by December 15 2021

10 SACRE Effectiveness/Development Plan 2021-2023 Ken said this might need renewing in light of the new SEF. Ken asked if new members hadn't received joining documents from NASACRE please let him know and he will send.

11 Local and National Developments Document F.

Ken gave an overview of content of this document.

Presentation on Westhill filming so far well received.

Ken reported on last week's primary RE Network, very promising, lots of resources shared and some put on website for syllabus resources.

Russell attended the NASACRE Welcome to SACRE training course which he found very interesting and informative, delegates from all over the country, noted NCC SACRE much more proactive than some of our counterparts. Recognition we don't get much information from academies, in 6-12 months we should be receiving better communication.

Cllr Elliott gave forward notice we will be discussing Ken's long service at the next meeting, better face to face but all acknowledged the tremendous amount of work he has put in over the years.

12 Any other business

Naomi said Hannukkah event on 5 December at 5pm everyone welcome outside the Council house. Anne has a flyer for a teacher event God and the Big Band on 23 Feb 2022, she requested assistance in getting out to schools.

Richard referred to the generic risk assessment now completed and asked if it can be added to facebook page and the em-ed website.

Ken attended the Media and City conference last week drawing attention of how our Agreed Syllabus drew attention to the diversity of beliefs in the City and County. At this event he was offered a copy of the Majestic Quran for each school in the county which the Karima Institute would distribute at no cost to the LA. Cllr Taylor said that was a very generous offer.

Hafiz said that there were events coming up to celebrate the birthday of a prophet.

Richard will contact local places of worship perhaps via zoom meetings, Gurjeet said they had several visits this week and more booked in, this was seen as encouraging as we are moving from covid isolation.

RSResources had been doing some Faith Experiences recently.

Date of next meeting:

Joint city & County SACRE meeting 16 March 2022 at the Holocaust Centre

Summer Term at the Society of Friends Meeting House

Cllr Elliott closed the meeting at 8.30pm