

Nottinghamshire County Council SACRE Meeting

On Teams

Monday 28 June 2021

Groups meet at 6.30pm - 7pm

Full SACRE at 7pm – 8.15 pm

| Present | Representing |
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| Andrea Burrows | Lowdham (guest presenting) |
| Alan Darlington | D Methodist |
| Ben Waldram | Lowdham (guest presenting) |
| Bryony Charnock-Walmsley | NCC |
| Craig Moxham | B Church of England – acting chair |
| Deb Martin | D Quaker Society |
| Gemma Pettifor | D AoG |
| Graham Jennings | D United Reformed Church |
| James Wale | C Secondary teacher |
| John Graham | B Church of England |
| Jon Hoover | C Secondary teacher |
| Mike Arnold | D Baptist |
| Mike Follen | C NAHT |
| Naomi Posner | D Jewish Community |
| Naomi Waring | D Roman Catholic |
| Rev Ken Johnson | Secretary |
| Richard Linford | C Primary teacher |
| Val Jones | NCC/minuter |
| Stephanie Smart | B Church of England |
| Tom Drew | D Quaker Society |
| Will Richardson | D Humanist |

1. Welcome

Acting chair Craig Moxham opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and to the new members joining for the first time.

2. RE in Lowdham CofE Primary School

Mrs Andrea Burrows & Mr Ben Waldram Headteacher gave a comprehensive presentation on RE in Lowdham, school motto Shine like Stars, Ben explained the ethos of the school, Andrea explained the RE taught in school. Craig thanked Ben and Andrea for their great presentation.

3. Apologies & Membership

Apologies from Anne Lumb, Kate Charlesworth, and Mary Moran. Gurjeet Singh gave late apology.

Still have no NASUWT rep and County Councillors as none have been appointed to SACRE yet following recent elections.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting: - 1 March 2021

Minutes agreed to be a true record of the last meeting

5. Matters Arising:

4a SACRE leaflet – draft for discussion is attached for perusal

Deb Martin gave a progress report on the SACRE leaflet and thanked Ken for his contributions to the leaflet. Very much in the draft stage, sway format suggested, although we need someone

who can use sway, we need more pictures, displays to bring alive. If you have any other sources of teaching, please send to Deb.

Comments welcomed. Craig thanked Deb, Tom, and Ken for their input, suggested we adopt the leaflet with any further updates. Graham asked if there could be a clear link to web pages? Ken replied we can, but Facebook is a private page, other links can be inputted. Tom said if sway can be used it will be easy to input links. Will uses sway at work so offered to help. Any child photos used should have parents' permission. Any photos please send to Val, Valerie.jones@nottscc.gov.uk. Craig said it is important the leaflet goes to the right people in schools, preferably the RE coordinators. Richard said the leaflet looked brilliant, thanks to Deb for her hard work.

Action: Leaflet to be adopted, proposed launch in September

4c Agreed Syllabus: Supply of more Year 5 units from REToday Craig said SACRE are thankful to the 2 Las who have provided the means to purchase the extra units, County paying 2/3 City 1/3 of the cost.

4d Determination Policy: a clarification that on page 2 the adviser is confirmed as Bryony Charnock Walmsley. Note the policy is not widely distributed, available on request only. Richard asked if we could explain what a determination policy is for the benefit of new members to SACRE? Craig explained the purpose of a determination policy and the need to have one in place. Ken added a policy lasts for 5 years and SACRE does have to have a policy in place.

6. **Any Matters Arising not itemised below.**

City & County SACRE meeting; Ken Bryony and John Dexter held a meeting to discuss working together in the future following on the work on The Agreed Syllabus. Agreed to purchase more units for the Syllabus. It was also decided a Joint SACRE meeting would be beneficial perhaps at the Holocaust Centre in the Spring Term.

7. **NASACRE Code of Conduct:** Richard fed back on this code which would be useful to have in place for SACRE members. When producing guidance on visiting places of worship had been produced this kind of material was referred to concerning protocols within places of worship. Well worded document, any other issues from groups? There was discussion about whether there should be guidance about schools hosting visits from faith representatives.

Regarding visits into school, post covid, guidance provided. Richard proposed adopting this. Craig asked if the SACRE code of conduct can be adopted? Graham said from his group they were very happy with the document – just a couple of points when visiting a school to make it very clear we are not visiting as a representative of SACRE. Perhaps a supporting letter could be produced to use prior to a visit. Also, the school remains responsible for the visit, the teacher is responsible for any child in need of support. Ken said NATRE had produced a document which we could also use. Richard mentioned that the risk assessment used an age-appropriate lesson. Craig said to clarify, change the heading sent by SACRE not representing SACRE. Ken said if a member of SACRE asked to come into school the leaflet explains this. Perhaps to split this, second bullet point on page 2. Craig proposed we agree this code of conduct and then look at NASACRE document for Graham to check?

ACTION – code of conduct agreed with amendments and Ken to send document from NASACRE to Graham for checking

8. NASACRE – Report on SACRE Funding in England

Craig asked for comments - Graham questioned whether the 0.45 level of LA funding was typical or inflated in that year because of spending on the Agreed Syllabus. Discussion over the funding, any potential concerns to ask Bryony for further information

ACTION any queries over SACRE funding to email Bryony and feed back at next meeting

9. Local & National Developments

Regarding examination entries Craig said it was a struggle to see the picture in Notts, where figures seem very low. Deb commented often below national average, this highlights the fact. How do we direct RE? Consequence of EBAC perhaps, schools not teaching RE. Chester University made some theology lecturers redundant. Jon Hoover said there was an intervention by the union, and they were reinstated back in their posts. The Ofsted Review of RE puts RE back in schools.

ACTION Craig asked Ken to put on the agenda for the next meeting - The Ofsted Review

10. Group sharing of news

Ken reported we have got the grant with help from Graham and Lat, from NASACRE. Bryony thanked Ken for his work and successful bid. Craig endorsed this from SACRE. Ken is coordinating assistance from Muslim community. The Friary is also helping. Craig asked for any comments, none recorded. Any other group sharing of news? None recorded. Craig thanked all members of SACRE who attended the meeting, hoping to be back to normal at the next meeting with councillors present and back to face-to-face meeting. Ba'hai festival and Sikh festival coming up.

Next meeting we are hoping we will have councillor representation then hoping to be on 23 November 2021 at a place of worship. Ken is making enquiries, if anyone is willing to host please let Ken know.

ACTION members to let Ken know if willing to host next meeting at a place of worship

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

Craig thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.28pm