

MINUTES OF STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE) MEETING – 13th FEBRUARY 2014

Present:

Mrs H Sage (Church of England) in the Chair

Councillor Green

Mrs M Wright (Roman Catholic Church), Imam Patel (Islam), Mr T Cox (Church of England), Miss J Snape (Church of England), Mr Harrison (Church of England), Mrs T Hackney (NUT)

In attendance:

Mrs M McQueen, Independent RE Consultant
Mr L Beattie, Executive and Regulatory Manager

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chairman welcomed members to the SACRE meeting

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Taylor and Jackson. Apologies were also received from Rabbi Braunold.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1st OCTOBER 2013

The SACRE agreed the minutes from the meeting held on 1st October 2013 were a correct record.

The SACRE noted that Iman Patel had been unable to attend due to an accident on route to the meeting and accepted that had he known he would have submitted apologies.

3. SACRE BLACKPOOL WEBSITE

The SACRE noted that no progress had been made to date on the SACRE Blackpool website. It was therefore considered that it would be beneficial for progress to be made and reported back to the next meeting.

Resolved:

That an update be brought to the next meeting.

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4. COLLABORATIVE WORKING WITH THE LANCASHIRE SACRE

Further to the item on the previous agenda on the future of SACRE, the SACRE considered the possibility of closer working with the Lancashire SACRE.

The SACRE agreed that it would be useful to forge stronger links with the Lancashire SACRE especially in joining to together in hubs to promote best practice or through training events. It was agreed though that the ways of working together would be something to further investigate after the presentation to RE Leads on Working with SACRE had taken place.

Resolved:

That an update be brought to a future meeting.

7. NASACRE UPDATE

The SACRE considered recently circulated information from the National Association of Standing Advisory Councils for Religious Education. The SACRE noted that report of the Religious Education Council of England and Wales on a Curriculum Framework for Religious Education in England and the briefing note from NASACRE on the writing of an Agreed Syllabus.

The SACRE placed particular importance on the guidance issued by the Religious Education Council around Key Stage 3 and agreed that this information be circulated at the Cluster meeting and to headteachers.

Resolved:

That the reports from NASACRE be noted and circulated as outlined.

8. NASACRE GUIDANCE ON WORKING WITH ACADEMIES

The SACRE considered the NASACRE's recently published guidance on working with Academy schools for SACREs.

The SACRE considered that this guidance was useful and agreed that this document should be circulated to the Chairs of Governors and Headteachers at all Academy Schools.

Resolved:

1. That the guidance be noted and circulated.

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2. That the SACRE agrees to work within the guidance in the future.

9. PRESENTATION FOR RE LEADS ON WORKING WITH SACRE

The SACRE considered a proposed presentation that had been prepared by Jo Snape for a Cluster Meeting of Religious Education Leads.

The SACRE made some minor amendments to the presentation to aid understanding but was generally supportive.

Resolved:

That the presentation be agreed and a report back on the meeting be made to the next meeting of the SACRE.

10. GCSE RESULTS

Marian McQueen provided an update to the SACRE as to the recent GCSE results. The update outlined that the national average at A* to C was 72.1% and the Blackpool average was 68%.

The outstanding performing school was Highfield which exceeded the national average in nearly every rating band especially considered it had a 92% entry level.

There was also good performances from Bispham and Palatine, which were especially important given the value added performance.

The SACRE found it also encouraging that all schools had submitted candidates for the examination.

Resolved:

1. That the GCSE results be noted.

2. That letters of congratulations be sent to Bispham, Highfield and Palatine High Schools on behalf of the SACRE.

11. BRIEFING FROM THE TRANSPENNINE AREIAC GROUP MEETING

Marian McQueen provided an update on the meeting of the Transpennine Association of Religious Education Inspectors, Advisers and Consultants meeting.

The SACRE noted the issues discussed regarding the RE curriculum and the drop off in applicants for the RE quality mark.

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Resolved:

That the update be noted.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Accord Inclusivity Award

The SACRE noted the results of the Accord Inclusivity award

2. Sikh Information Service

The SACRE considered a flyer circulated by the Sikh Education Service. It was agreed that the clerk would seek testimonials before considering whether the SACRE would endorse such a service.

13. FUTURE MEETING DATES

The SACRE noted the date of the next meeting as

Thursday 26th June 2014, Committee Room A, Town Hall, Blackpool.

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 8:57 pm)

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