

**Nottinghamshire County Council
SACRE Meeting
Tuesday 8 October, 2013
at
Redhill Academy**

Present	Representing
Councillor Liz Plant	Nottinghamshire County Council
Councillor Jon Wilmott	Nottinghamshire County Council
Tania Goldsmith	Church of England
Anne Lumb	Church of England
Craig Moxham	Church of England
David Maddison	Church of England
Richard Linford	Primary teachers
Mike Follen	NAHT
Gail Brockway	Secondary teachers
Bethan Inglis	Secondary teachers
Krys Pietryka	Roman Catholic
Mike Arnold	Baptist
Naomi Posner	Jewish
Mel Gotheridge	Uk Buddhist
Graham Jennings	United Reformed Church
Godfrey Nix	Baha'i
Pippa Ling	Quakers
Gemma Pettifor	Assemblies of God
Jon Heard	Methodist
Ken Johnson	Secretary, SACRE
Alison Fawley	Minutes

1. Welcome and election of Vice Chair from Group D

Graham Jennings was elected as vice chair by group D members and took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Graham welcomed members to Redhill Academy who had kindly agreed to host the meeting.

- 2.** A presentation by RE Ambassadors and the Head of RE at Redhill Academy was made to SACRE which was followed by a discussion with members. The Chair thanked Redhill Academy for their interesting and thought provoking presentation and for their generous hospitality.

3. Apologies & Membership

Apologies for absence were received from Michael Groves, Asif Ali. Cllr John Peck, Cllr Kate Foale, Suzanne Paradine, Santokh Nijran and Liz Youngman.

The Chair welcomed new members Cllr John Wilmot, Cllr Liz Plant, Craig Moxham and Bethan Inglis to the meeting. He also welcomed Lat Blaylock from RE Today and Jane Lewis from Nottingham City SACRE.

4. Minutes of the previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held 18 June 2013 were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

5. Matters Arising not on the Agenda

Item 10 Westhill Awards – Ken will work with Redhill Academy to put together a bid for a young person's SACRE.

Item 11 - Ken has produced a draft document and will discuss with Redhill RE Ambassadors to further this piece of work.

6. Draft Annual Report

Provisional examination results will not be available until the end of October and comments will be reviewed in light of the results.

Ken will email this section to members for comments.

The report needs to be finalised by December.

Members were asked to email Ken with suggestions for new targets for section 7.

7. The Agreed Syllabus Review - ASC to be formed

Lat Blaylock gave a presentation to members about the RE Syllabus review for Nottinghamshire. This is the start of the legal process to review the agreed syllabus and thus fulfil our statutory duties. Jane Lewis had joined the meeting as a representative of Nottingham City SACRE who may be interested in working jointly with NCC.

After general discussion and discussion in groups, members were asked to vote on the following decisions:

Decision 1 – to ask Nottinghamshire County Council to call an Agreed Syllabus Conference

Group A – agree in principle and wish to take back to discuss re costs

Group B – agree

Group C – agree

Group D - agree

Decision 2 – to engage a consultant to carry out the review

Group A - agree in principle and wish to take back to discuss re costs

Group B - as Group D

Group C - as Group D

Group D - to continue to work with RE Today

The recommendation from SACRE is to appoint RE Today as consultants for the review of the Agreed Syllabus subject to discussion with Nottinghamshire County Council regarding costs.

Copy of Lat's presentation will be available to all members.

The Chair thanked Lat for his presentation and insights into the review of the Agreed Syllabus

8. Proposed CPD and Student opportunities

Ken will be encouraging Young Ambassadors to work with SACRE on producing a leaflet.

Pupil voice will be a feature of the consultation for the review of the Agreed Syllabus.

Ken discussed current and future CPD opportunities including secondary RE network, primary network, Better RE – a course run by Lat Blaylock on 23 January 2014, annual SACRE conference to be held on 26 June 2014.

9. Letters regarding BHA

Members discussed correspondence received regarding the decision made at the previous meeting.

Members agreed that they did not want any further presentations to SACRE and agreed that Ken should draft a further letter to the previous member referring to the conditions of cooption 2 years ago and that progress had not been made and send to the Chair for approval.

It was also agreed that Ken should respond to BHA requesting a nomination for a new member and to thank him for his constructive comments.

10. SACRE Effectiveness Plan

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

11. Developments locally / nationally on RE

Ken tabled a paper to inform members on developments and signpost them to additional information.

A summary from the full Ofsted summary report Religious education: realising the potential was tabled. Members were asked to note in particular the recommendations starting on page 3 and the recommendation to Las on page 4 Ken pointed out that 5 primary schools and 2 secondary schools had contributed to the full report. The full report can be found at:

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/religious-education-realising-potential>

Members were updated on using the NASCRE website which is now password protected.

12. Group inter change of news

Members were invited to share items of interest.

John Heard informed members of a vacancy for director of education in the Methodist church.

13. Dates of next meetings

Please note that SACRE meetings and ASC meetings will be held on the same evening

- Spring Term – Thursday 6 March 2014. Venue to be agreed-
- Summer Term – w/c 9 June 2014 – further details available at the spring term meeting.

14. The Chair thanked members for their participation and closed the meeting at 9.30pm.