

SACRE Meeting Tuesday 14th June 2010

St Peter's CE Primary School, East Bridgford

Present:

Cllr Allen Clarke
Anne Lumb
Dave Maddison
Kerry Palmer
John Heard
Karen Strachen
Stephanie Smart
Michael Groves
Safiz Muntazir
Rev Terry Nowell
Helen Wyton
Naomi Posner
Arthur Somerfield
Hilary Craik
Rev Ken Johnson

Representing:

Nottinghamshire County Council
Church of England
Church of England
Church of England
Church of England
Secondary RE Teacher
ATL
Roman Catholic
Muslim
Methodist
Baptist
Jewish
British Humanist Association
LA representative
Secretary to SACRE

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from:-

Cllr Lynn Sykes, Cllr Rev Tom Irvine, Catherine O'Connell hopes to attend but will be late, Suresh Gunpatrao, Julie Kirchin, Graham Jennings (sent after the meeting)

2. Presentation concerning RE in St Peter's School

David Maddison gave a presentation concerning RE and St Peter's School and SACRE had a tour of the building as well as being presented with a copy of the presentation. SACRE members saw super evidence of work from students and teacher input from the tour. Chair thanked David for the tour and informative presentation.

3. Minutes of the previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting on 23rd February were accepted as a true record of the meeting

4. Matters arising not on the agenda

None were raised

5.. Matters arising from the minutes

Membership – Clare Bywater Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham
Mrs Lee Probert NUT representative

Vacancies - Could have three more representatives in Teacher Group- A
Secondary Head of RE has expressed an interest and the Secretary was asked to invite them **Action Secretary to follow up**

Afro-Caribbean United Council of Churches
Religious Society of Friends - this has been raised with the Society

RE Conference 15th June 80 + attending with 4 from Derbyshire

Due to demand for the course on the Agreed Syllabus there would be an additional one in October

5 National Developments in RE

The meeting was referred to the document issued at the previous meeting Non-statutory Guidance for RE.

Attention was drawn to the following sections

Section 3 - Role of LA and SACRE

Page 12 provisions for public access to agenda & minutes – it was agreed that minutes of meetings should be published on the website with details of the meeting dates.

ACTION: Secretary

Page 15 academies

Case studies are useful additions to the document

Page 21 on SACRE membership and Higher Education - Secretary is involved with investigating with Trent university /Nottingham University Theology Department & St John's College

Page 29 withdrawal case study was felt to be particularly useful

It was also noted that the OFSTED Report on Transforming RE 2006- 2009 (part of agenda item 7) contained criticism on the level of support by LA's to SACRE. The Chair said that all ought to know more of the work of SACRE.

The point was raised that Councillors were not attending the meetings of SACRE and the Chair responded that he will talk to the other members. **ACTION by Chair**

The meeting also raised concerns over the lack of inspection for RE and that teachers are having to work together as there is no official support from the Authority, In response it was stated that inspections only happen in core subjects and there was no funding available. It was also pointed out, that RE was the only subject that the County Council has responsibility for, something it does not have for other subjects and there needs to be a level of commitment. Hilary mentioned that a paper was to go to Schools forum to support the work of the RSResource Centre in offering support for all County Schools. John Morris picks up queries from Primary Schools.

Cllr Allen Clarke said that there was a need to ask for more support.

There was a growth of teachers asking for training on how to approach RE and those with capability could be asked to run training events in local schools for part days, however there were cost implications in this.

March 2011

National Celebration of RE

There will be a month long celebration of RE in England and Wales in March 2011. There is a web site www.celebratingre.org

ACTION : Secretary to send details to schools in a mailing over the Summer to see if schools are proposing to do anything and whether SACRE could support or attend such events.

7 Report of items from NASACRE AGM May 12th Document sent to members

1. subs going up to £95 p.a.
- 2 . Ofsted paper Recommendations pg 4/5 were discussed

Nottinghamshire Schools part of this survey were, (this information was not given at the meeting):-

Brookhill Leys Primary and Nursery School
East Markham Primary School

John Clifford Primary School
Misterton Primary and Nursery School
Carlton Le Willows School and Technology College

2. SACRE Members Training CD Rom was shown and will be passed round members.
3. Document had one page on the Report on SACRE & INTERFAITH – full report available from www.nasacre.org.uk
4. National Inter Faith Week begins 21st November 2010

8. **County Policy on Collective Worship**

After discussion it was decided that the County would follow the national Guidelines 1/94 on worship which were still in force. Some SACRE's had published separate guidance and it was pointed out the BHA was against worship in schools

9. **Meeting dates, times and venues for 2010 - 2011**

The meeting went for the following dates:-

Wednesday 3 rd November	6.30 Groups	7 SACRE
Thursday 17 th February		Karimia Institute
Tuesday 14 th June		Primary School in the North of the County

(Since the meeting dates are now as follows:-

Wednesday 3 rd November	6.30 Groups	7 SACRE	County Hall
Thursday 10 th February		Karimia Institute	to be confirmed
Tuesday 7 th June		Kneesall Primary School	

Changes were due to calendar clashes)

10. **Group inter change of news**

Arthur raised the issue of since the publication of the new guidance on RE, the BHA has written to SACRE's asking them to consider making co-opted members into full members. The letter had not arrived with the Secretary and the Chair agreed that this would be an item for the next agenda.

The RSResource Centre had delivered over 1,300 faith experiences to young people, mostly within the County since March.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm