



Meeting Record
Northamptonshire Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE)
Meeting held on Thursday 8 March 2018 at 4.30 pm
One Angel Square, Northampton NN1 1ED

Present:

- Committee A: Morcea Walker (Chair) – United Reform Church; Arthur Newbury – Church of Jesus Latter Day Saints; Harkirat Singh – Sikh Community; John Flory – Buddhist Community; Saifullah Nassir – Islam; Farnush Tanhai – Bahai Faith
- Committee B: Yvette Timms – Primary Teacher (NEU); Val Griffiths – Church of England; Rev Doug Spenceley – Church of England; Julia Barke - Church of England
- Committee C: Jenny Dixon (Chair) – Primary School Teacher Representative (NUT);
- Committee D: Cllr. Wendy Brackenbury – LA Representative

Apologies:

- Committee A: Sister Aidan Richards – Catholic Diocese; Bhupesh Parekh – Hinduism;
- Committee C: Justine Davies (Vice Chair) – Secondary School Representative (NASUWT)
- Co-opted: Chris Paddock - Humanist
- Clerk: Jane Hall
- In Attendance:** Amanda Fitton – SACRE Adviser; Tim Sandford – Souster Youth
- Non Attendance:** Daniel Tabor – Jewish Community
- Clerk: Paulette Wright

Topic	Key Discussion Points	Action
1. Welcome and apologies	<p>The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting. Introductions were made.</p> <p>Wendy Brackenbury shared that currently NCC were facing many challenges and acknowledged that there is a lot going on at this time.</p> <p>The Chair on behalf of those present sent their best wishes to Jane Hall and wished her a speedy recover.</p> <p>The Chair also thanked Paulette Wright for supporting the meeting today.</p> <p>Amanda Fitton shared that Tim Standford would be attending the meeting as an observer.</p> <p>Paulette Wright reported apologies had been received from Farnusha Tanhai, Sister Aiden Richards, Chris Paddock, Justine Davis, Bhupesh Parekh</p>	
2. Declaration of Interest	<p>The Chair declared that she is a Governor at Northampton School for Boys.</p>	
3. Approval of the minutes held on 13th December 2017	<p>The Chair asked the members to let herself and the clerk know if there were any matters arising from the minutes that were not on the Agenda in good time before a meeting.</p> <p>The minutes held on Thursday 13 December 2017 were agreed as a true record.</p> <p>Jenny Dixon proposed that the minutes are accurate. Arthur Newbury seconded the minutes.</p> <p><i>4.44pm Tim Standford (observer) joined the meeting, and the Chair welcomed him.</i></p> <p>Amanda shared that if Tim wanted to comments that this would be done through the Chair.</p>	
4. Matters arising from minutes of the previous meeting	<p>The Chair reported that, as the Minutes had not been circulated in time for this meeting that the Terms of Reference would be taken forward to the next meeting on Tuesday 5 June 2018.</p>	
5. Agreed Syllabus Conference (ASC) update (Amanda Fitton)	<p>Amanda Fitton reported that everything is going through Cabinet. A meeting was held with Cllr Andre Gonzalez De Savage, Lesley Hagger and Chris Connearn on 14 February 2018 to discuss the adoption of the Agreed Syllabus.</p> <p>Gurdev Singh from Peterborough is developing the website free of charge</p> <p>Once the Agreed Syllabus is adopted a meeting</p>	

	<p>with Mike Shelton will be organised to update the SACRE Website.</p> <p>Other SACRE members have asked for each of the Councils logos to be placed on the front of the document.</p> <p>Amanda Fitton reported that the non-statutory guidance can be changed as it is a fluid document.</p> <p>Amanda Fitton reported that there will be a hyperlink to the previous Agreed Syllabus for teachers to refer to.</p> <p>Jenny Dixon asked if the Agreed Syllabus would be available in other formats.</p> <p>Rev Doug Spenceley reported that modern computers have technology to allow other information to be converted into other languages and formats.</p> <p>Wendy Brackenbury said the most cost effective method should be used.</p> <p>Amanda Fitton reported she had worked with six schools across all four counties to write the planning guidance. Exemplars will be included on the website.</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding the number of different religions that were expected to be covered in the new Syllabus.</p> <p>Amanda Fitton reported that there would be further training and workshops planned for after the launch to help and inform future planning in RE. This was dependent on the availability of the new learning Hub at Angel Square.</p> <p><i>5.17pm Saifullah Nasir joined the meeting.</i></p> <p>The Chair welcomed him to the meeting. It was noted how thorough the process was for his membership of SACRE and that he had been nominated by the whole of the Muslim Community.</p>	
<p>6. Agreed Syllabus launch</p>	<p>The Launch is Thursday 3rd May 2018 at the Marriot Hotel in Huntingdon. Refreshments will be available. 120 teachers have signed up so far to attend.</p>	
<p>7. Development plan and working parties update</p>	<p>Discussion took place on the Working Parties so far and it was agreed the the resources information Jenny Dixon had been working on would be circulated to Members once the clerk had returned to work.</p>	
<p>8. Budget</p>	<p>Amanda Fitton reported that there were no budget details available.</p>	

<p>9. Any other business</p>	<p>The Chair asked the members round the table if they had any other business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NASACRE conference – will be held on Thursday 24 May 2018 in London. If there is anyone else who would like to attend, the tickets are £50 each. <p>Kerri McCourty & Amanda Fitton would be attending representing Cambridge and Rutland and their costs would be split across the counties.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Sunday 18 March Interfaith Service will be held at County Hall in the County Chambers. Please email Amanda Fitton if you are interested in attending. 3. The new Gurdwara building being built in St James has been deferred until June 2018. Please note there will be a change of email address. 4. Saifullah Nasir – gave a short introduction on the SAfIRE (Services Association for Islamic Religious Education) 	

The meeting ended at 6.05 pm

The next meeting was to take place on Tuesday 5 June 2018