



Meeting Record
Northamptonshire Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE)
held on 25 June 2019 at
One Angel Square, Northampton,
NN1 1ED at 4.30 pm

Present:

- Committee A: Morcea Walker (Chair) – United Reform Church; Chris Paddock – Humanism UK; Arthur Newbury – The Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints; Sister Aidan Richards – Roman Catholic Diocese;; Daniel Tabor – Northampton Hebrew Congregation; John Flory – Religious Society of Friends;
- Committee B: Julie Barke – Church of England;
- Committee C: Jenny Dixon - Primary School Teacher Representative (NEU); Sylvia Erskine - NEU
- Committee D: Cllr. Wendy Brackenbury – LA Representative

Apologies:

- Committee B: Val Griffiths – Church of England
- Committee C: Justine Davies – Secondary School Representative (NASUWT)
- Committee D: Cllr. Dudley Hughes – LA Representative; Chris Connearn - Head of School Effectiveness

Non Attendance:

- Committee A: Farnush Tanhai- Bahai Faith; Bhupesh Parekh – Hinduism; Avnish Thackrar; Saifullah Nasir – Muslim Faith
- In attendance: Amanda Fitton – SACRE Adviser; Sarah Oakman – LA Representative
- Clerk Jane Hall

Topic	Key Discussion Points	Action
1. Welcome and Introductions	The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting and introductions were made.	
2. Declaration of Items on the Agenda	<p>There were no declarations of interest of items on the Agenda.</p> <p>The following declarations were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julie Barke is a Governor at St Peters CE Academy, Raunds; a Governor at Ringstead CE Primary School; Peterborough Diocese Support Adviser • Morcea Walker is a Governor as Northampton School for Boys. 	
3. Approval of the minutes held on 26 March 2019	<p>The minutes held on 26 March 2019 were agreed as a true copy and signed by the Chair subject to the following amendments:</p> <p>4. Matters arising: 13 Invitation to Teachers to join the Northampton SACRE to include " Cllr Wendy Brackenbury read out the legal definition and advised SACRE accordingly." At the end of the paragraph insert. "Not everybody felt that the Statutory Requirement in terms of membership of the SACRE should be discarded".</p> <p>The clerk asked that if members wished to make any amendments to the minutes that these were discussed at the next meeting and not emailed to her.</p>	
4. Matters Arising	7. Any Other Business: Jenny Dixon suggested asking other SACREs' opinions on the inclusion of Paganism, Plymouth Brethren and Jehovah's Witnesses in Group A. It was suggested that this should be deferred to the next meeting and for resources to be looked at in more detail and to contact other SACREs to find out their opinions on the 3 faiths.	Agenda
5. Development Plan: Update on SACRE conference	<p>Development Plan: Amanda Fitton reported that she had met with Julie Barke to discuss Collective Worship and that she had put forward ideas for discussion in September.</p> <p>SACRE Conference: Diving into Diversity Day 2019: Sarah Oakman circulated an updated copy of details for the Conference and went through this. She informed the members that as the NCC were turned down for funding by Westhill the Conference would no longer be held at The Park Inn in Northampton but at Moulton Community Centre. In terms of the schools that should be invited she asked the members whether the small schools should be invited as pupils in these schools were less likely to come across people of different faiths or whether Town Centre schools should be invited where there was diversity.</p> <p>Harkirat Singh arrived at the meeting at 5.00 pm</p> <p>Chris Paddock highlighted the issue of transport. Sarah Oakman reported that it was important to factor in transport but until the schools that were to be invited were known and she was further in in the process this could not be costed.</p> <p>Sarah Oakman went through the Timeline.</p>	

	<p>Daniel Tabor asked how the programme was going to be organised. Sarah Oakman reported that representative groups would be given a remit in the letter of what was required from them.</p> <p>Daniel Tabor reported that he was a member of the Northampton Interfaith Forum and they had produced a short film (7 minutes long) called "I am Human" which had been made by children from 5 – 6 faiths in the County and wondered whether this was something that schools would use. Daniel Tabor would email Sarah Oakman with more information.</p> <p>Sarah Oakman reported that the Conference would take place on 11 November 2019 and if this went well SACRE could talk about the next steps.</p> <p>Julie Barke reported that she could see great advantages in a diversity of schools taking part in the Conference as Northamptonshire schools found it easy to access places of worship and that children's needs would be better met if the Conference was offered out to small schools rather than Northamptonshire schools.</p> <p>The Chair reported that she was more inclined to look at Wellingborough and agreed with inviting small rural schools.</p> <p>Harkirat Singh felt that it was a great idea and that there was the need to stress the fact that it was being held in Interfaith week. Sarah Oakman reported that she would make reference to this in the letter.</p> <p>Further discussion took place on this.</p>	DT
<p>6. Feedback from NASACRE Conference</p>	<p>Amanda Fitton reported that it was a very good Conference and that one thing that came out of the Conference from the group that she joined was about the SACRE constitution and the right to be able to ask people to join the SACRE and add them to the constitution. They were keeping to the law but adding to it. Jenny Dixon reported that if a SACRE wanted more members they could co-opt them on. Amanda Fitton reported that they just added them to the constitution.</p> <p>The Chair reported that this would an item for the next Agenda. Jenny Dixon stated that the legal way to increase the membership was to co-opt people on. The Chair stated that what these groups had done was to integrate more people into the constitution. Chris Paddock stated that if the law allowed for people to be added there would be no reason why this could not be done.</p> <p>Sarah Oakman stated that the more capacity SACRE had the stronger position it would in to improve RE. Amanda Fitton reported that it was about advising teachers as well. Julie Barke stated that there was the need to go back a step and consider what SACRE wanted to achieve as a body and then to look at the skills and bring in people to support that.</p>	Agenda
<p>7. Update on SACRE Adviser</p>	<p>Sarah Oakman informed the members that there would be a SACRE adviser in place for the next meeting. The Chair stated that she assumed that areas such as oversight of the budget and</p>	

	Finance would continue. Sarah Oakman reported that she had oversight of the budget as SACRE came under the School Effectiveness Team's budget.	
8. Any Other Business	<p>1. Peterborough Diocese RE Syllabus for Church Schools: Julie Barke reported that the Peterborough Diocese had developed an RE Syllabus for Church Schools which was very good and followed areas such as Christianity. There were a number of Diocese that had their own Syllabus.</p> <p>2. Update on Sikh Community: Harkirat Singh reported that both the community centre and the Gurdwara had been sold and he was looking forward to moving into the new Sikh Temple in St James. Arthur Newbury reported that it would be a great asset for Northampton.</p> <p>3. Homelessness: The Chair reported that there was a lot going on at the moment around homelessness and All Saints Church had got a meeting on 11 July 2019 from 1.15 pm – 2.45 pm to discuss the proposal by the Northampton Hope Centre on feeding the homeless.</p> <p>4. PREVENT. Jenny Dixon requested an update on PREVENT which was given to SACRE last year.</p> <p>5. Presentation to Amanda Fitton: The Chair thanked Amanda Fitton for the time she had given to the Northamptonshire SACRE. Amanda Fitton thanked everybody for the gift and card.</p>	
9. Date of next meeting	<p>Future dates would be sent out to the Members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 5 November 2019 • Tuesday 14 January 2020 • Tuesday 24 March 2020 • Tuesday 23 June 2010 	

The meeting ended at 6.00 pm

Signed:

Dated: