



Meeting Record
Northamptonshire Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE)
held on Tuesday 26 March 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; Justine Davies – Secondary School Representative (NASUWT); Saifullah Nasir – Muslim Faith
- Committee B: Julie Barke – Church of England; Val Griffiths – Church of England
- Committee C: Jenny Dixon - Primary School Teacher Representative (NEU);
- Committee D: Cllr. Wendy Brackenbury – LA Representative

Apologies:

- Committee A: John Flory – Religious Society of Friends; Daniel Tabor – Northampton Hebrew Congregation; Harkirat Singh – Sikh Faith
- Committee C: Elaine Coe – Secondary Teacher Representative (NEU)
- Committee D: Cllr. Dudley Hughes – LA Representative; Chris Connearn - Head of School Effectiveness

Non Attendance:

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

Topic	Key Discussion Points	Action
<p>1. Welcome and Introductions</p>	<p>The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting. Introductions were made.</p> <p>Excessive Emails: The Chair asked Sarah Oakman, Jane Hall and Amanda Fitton to stand up and tell the members what their job was within the County Council. Amanda Fitton reported that she was SACRE Adviser across four County Councils which were Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, Rutland and Northamptonshire and gave Northamptonshire SACRE 4.5 hours of her time. Sarah Oakman reported that she was responsible for approximately 38 schools in her role as Senior School Improvement Manager and Jane Hall reported that her title was Governance Administrator and was responsible for making sure that the information on Governing Bodies was up to date and that Governors were working within the DfE Guidelines. Accepting that there would be, from time to time, the need for SACRE members to communicate with Officers the Chair asked that such emails should be focussed and appropriate.</p>	
<p>2. Declaration of Items on the Agenda</p>	<p>There were no declarations of interest of item on the Agenda.</p> <p>The following interests were previously declared:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morcea Walker was a Governor on the governing board of Northampton School for Boys • Julie Barke was a Governor on the governing board of St Peters CE Academy, Raunds 	
<p>3. Approval of the minutes held on 10 January 2018</p>	<p>The minutes were agreed as a true copy and signed by the Chair.</p>	
<p>4. Matters Arising</p>	<p>6. Ratification of Terms of Reference: Annual Report: Amanda Fitton confirmed that she was in receipt of the validated GCSE and A Level results which would be put as an attachment to the Annual Report.</p> <p>7. Development Plan: SACRE members visits to schools. Sarah Oakman asked the members to let her know whether they wanted to visit a school and she would then arrange this for the Summer Term.</p> <p>13. Invitation for Teachers to join the Northampton SACRE: Discussion took place on whether the emphasis for teachers who wanted to join SACRE was that they belonged to a Union and were put forward by their Union to join SACRE. It was felt that there needed to be more flexibility on this as SACRE was a body who embraces everybody.</p>	<p>ALL/SO</p>
<p>5. Development Plan</p>	<p>Collective Worship: Amanda Fitton reported that she had met with Julie Barke to put some information together on Collective Worship. Julie Barke would be putting the resources together. With regards to Collective Worship and Secondary Schools, she would arrange a meeting with Justine Davies.</p> <p>SACRE Conference: Sarah Oakman circulated a plan for the Conference as discussed in the previous meeting and went through this. She informed the members that she was going to apply to Westhill for a grant and was hoping to run the event in October. Schools would be notified in advance which workshop they were allocated to and given pre-materials in order to prepare</p>	<p>AF</p>

	<p>questions. The workshops would be agreed in advance.</p> <p>Q: Are you including faith schools? Sarah Oakman replied that she was and in particular faith schools from rural/urban areas to encourage diversity.</p> <p>Q: Do you expect to be full? Sarah Oakman replied that did expect it to be full.</p> <p>Q: Is there going to be any school transport? Sarah Oakman replied that there was the need to know first of all whether funding had been agreed by Westhill before looking into transport.</p> <p>Sarah Oakman stated that there was a gap against “Follow up event” as it was important not to lose momentum once the event had taken place. Northampton had been chosen because it was Central and in the long term an event could be run in Corby/Kettering. She would be getting feedback from teachers and pupils. It was suggested that in order to get the children from a rural area to the middle of Northampton it would be better to have a start time of 10.00 am. This was agreed.</p> <p>Q: How many are expected from each faith and how will this work? Sarah Oakman replied that in the first instance SACRE will decide who will be the best person to represent each faith and representatives would need to share their plan and materials in advance so that they are quality assured prior to delivering them at the event.</p> <p>Q: I think it is exciting. Diversity is massive in Northampton and the Conference would give everybody an opportunity to talk about their faith. It is about making SACRE known.</p> <p>Q: I know if this is for my Yr 7 class I would have Hindu/non-faith and have two workshops. There needs to be flexibility.</p> <p>Q: Christianity has many convictions in it – is this something you will address? Sarah Oakman replied that as the Conference was aimed at Primary Schools she had kept it broad. She reported that she could invite other groups but did not want to invite 3 different groups of the Christian faith.</p> <p>The Chair reported that schools coming to the Conference would be targeted schools. She thanked the members for their feedback.</p> <p>Advice on Visits to Schools: Amanda Fitton emphasised that there was the need to keep this short and thanked the members for their comments on the document. The Chair reported that Harkirat Singh had asked about Worship and stated that children could not be asked to be part of his faiths Act of Worship and that it was important to have this in the document. The members were happy to agree the document and this would now be put on to the SACRE website.</p>	
<p>6. Annual Report (previously circulated)</p>	<p>The members agreed the Annual Report subject to the amendment to the last sentence on P3 to read “County demographics”. It was noted that the Annual Report would be done within the Academic Year and that this needed to be presented to the Council next year before April.</p> <p>Justine Davies left the meeting at 5.50 pm</p>	
<p>7. Any other business</p>	<p>1. SACRE Adviser: Amanda Fitton reported that she would no longer be the SACRE Adviser as from 30 June 2019. Thanks were given to Amanda Fitton for the work she had done for the Northamptonshire SACRE.</p>	

	<p>2. Parking for SACRE meetings: The Clerk informed the Members that she had been informed that they could use the Angel Square underground car park for free when attending SACRE meetings. In order to make use of this facility Members would need to inform her in advance of the meetings.</p> <p>3. Resources for Northants RE. Jenny Dixon reported that with the help of Julie Barke she had compiled a list of resources for Visits to Schools. Discussion took place on this. It was agreed that rather than putting the information on to the website that this would stay in a folder with the County Adviser. The members acknowledged the amount of work that had gone into producing the document.</p> <p>4. Recent Mosques shootings in New Zealand. Saifullah Nasir reported that he had received messages of support from various communities following what happened in two Mosques in New Zealand and that since then some schools have shown an interest in the Mosque.</p>	
<p>8. Date of next meeting</p>	<p>Tuesday 25 June 2019 at 4.30 pm</p>	

The meeting ended at 6.05 pm

Signed:

Dated: