Haringey Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Minutes of the meeting of 1st December 2022
At 5:00pm

MEMBERSHIP

Group A: Christian denominations other than the Church of England and principal religions represented in Great Britain	Robert Allaway (RA)	Baptist Churches
	Tonye Philemon (TP)	The Peace Alliance and Pentecostal Churches
	*Louise Fleming (LF)	Roman Catholic
	*Sandra Kviat (SK) Judith Alexander (JA)	Crouch End Chavurah Jewish Community
	James Chiriyankandath (JC) **Chair**	Unitarian
	Norman Bacrac (NB)	Humanist
	*Ali Arslan (AA)	Alevi Community
	Bibi Khan (BK) (left at 6pm)	Islamic Community
	*Maitripushpa Bois (MB)	Buddhist
	Mark Grosskopf (MGr)	Tottenham Jewish Community Association
Group B: Church of England	Vacancy	
	*Sally Moore (SM)	Primary RE Advisor London Diocesan Board of Schools
	*Eddie Griffiths (EG)	Lay CoE Member
Group C: Teachers Associations, including representation from Academy Schools	Glenford Johnson (GJ) **Vice-Chair**	Teacher, Hornsey School for Girls
Group D: Local Authority, including elected Councillors	Fay Jackson (FJ)	HEP Advisor
	Sheila Peacock (SP)	Cllr
	Alessandra Rossetti (AR)	Cllr
	*Makbule Gunes (MG)	Cllr
	Ibrahim Ali (IA)	Cllr
	Ian Blaney (IB)	Governor representative
Co-opted non-voting members	Jan McGuire (JMcG)	Independent RE Advisor to Haringey SACRE
	Jean Brown (JB)	LB Haringey
Also, in attendance	Maria Gabrielczyk	Clerk

* Asterisk denotes absence

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone present to the meeting.

1.2 Apologies were received from: Sally Moore and Rev. Tom Smith, who is stepping down.

1.3 A warm welcome was extended to Judith Alexander who was representing Sandra Kviat. Judith is a primary school teacher.

1.4 The Chair informed that the meeting was not quorate, as there were no representatives from Group B. Any decisions made would be emailed after the meeting to Group B members for their approval.

1.5 The Minutes of the last meeting held on 20th October 2022 were **APPROVED** as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

1.6 Agenda actions:
Item 1.5 - FJ informed that the letter about the RE section on school websites did go out to schools, but no responses have been received as yet.
Item 2.4 – Jan has shared the Penine Project material. Jan sent out the Google form, which was problematic. This is an Agenda item.
Item 3 – Writing to schools regarding data and offering support are Agenda items.
Jan will feedback on work with Adam – Agenda item.
The Draft Annual Report is an Agenda item.
Item 6.2 – National Inter Faith week is in January so no information has been sent out. Fay and Bibi to speak after the meeting about this matter.
Item 7.2 – Schools are constantly informed of the SACRE website. Fay reported that meeting information and Minutes are on the SACRE website.

1.7 Jan asked that if anything is happening in the local community for SACRE members to inform and share. These events can then be flagged up in bulletins etc, so that the borough can work together. An example was shared of Ashmole School doing a collection and donation for a local food bank last year. There are a number of cross borough initiatives being organised eg. eco food stall and recycling.

2. Development Plan

2.1 The Development Plan was shared with SACRE Members prior to the meeting.

2.2 Jan informed that part of the Development Plan was SACRE Members looking at school websites and reporting back. Not everyone has reported back as yet.

2.3 Jan asked for possible project ideas that she could bid on, for the SACRE to work on in the coming year.
A brief discussion arose around the Google survey that was sent out. This proved to be a bit problematic and will be circulated again in email format. SACRE members will provide Jan with details of places of worship they are familiar with, with a good example to put on the SACRE website for teachers to contact. A World Views group would be attached with the person's contact details, venue etc. Once Jan receives responses she will collate them.
ACTION: JMcG

2.4 It was reported that for CW some schools mention what they do in assemblies and in some cases school assemblies do not necessary always address CW.

2.3 The monitoring of websites started in March with 5 SACRE members carrying out the exercise. Schools were sent the updates. Fay has 5 new schools and would like other SACRE members to carry out the monitoring and gather information to carry the exercise forward. A standard letter has already gone out to schools to inform them that this exercise is being carried out.

2.4 The SACRE are conducting this monitoring because it is a legal responsibility to monitor and report back to the Government and the DfE. If issues are found then the SACRE can provide support. It is also an opportunity to make sure that the school is Ofsted ready. Fay will send out the paperwork to Judith. **ACTION: FJ**

2.5 Religious designated schools have their own structure and supervision, and therefore SACRE started off the monitoring with community schools. Fay informed that there is a lag in the report and when the letter goes out, as it just provides a snapshot in time.

3. RE Statutory Responsibilities including:

3.1 Jan reported that she had met Adam Robertson who oversees the AMV. Jan informed SACRE members of how to find the AMV website and the link to the Haringey Syllabus website for the teachers. Jan went through some of the tabs which included the legal framework, the time commitment, vision statement, attainment targets, golden threads, the coverage on religion and guidance. There are also plenty of resources on the site, including lesson plans and useful questions.

3.2 If the school is a community school it must use the AMV syllabus, but it does not have to use the materials. It is a good website and Jan encouraged that teachers use it and that news of the website is put into Newsletters.

3.3 The Annual Report has been circulated in Draft format and has to be submitted to the DfE and NASACRE by the end of January. The Draft form is complete and the ONS data that came out has been updated and included. The Annual Report provides a summary to the Government on RE in 2021-2022. It summarises everything that was done in that year. There are certain aspects of RE that need to be covered by law.

3.4 Information on the census was shared. The census data is important as it helps to shape the curriculum and to provide training for teachers in the borough. Jan has to report on meetings and whether they are quorate. It is a rare incident that meetings are not quorate. Jan had to report on the locally agreed syllabus and she wrote about the launch that was attended by many schools in the borough.

3.5 The ASC also needs to be mentioned, but that is funded separately, with £10K going towards that. The standards and monitoring in school is ongoing. There is an appendix on grades, based on exam results. There were 919 entries in RE. There is still a statement to add to the Annual Report on Ofsted.

3.6 Training has been provided for teachers and they attended the AMV launch. There is also network training around Ofsted and on World Views and Humanism. Teachers were happy with the additional support.

3.7 There have been no withdrawals. Complaints have been dealt with speedily and there is little else to report.

3.8 CW is a national concern and there is nothing further to report.

3.9 The completed Annual Report will be circulated to the CEO, HEP SACRE Members, and put on the RE website. It can also be shared at the Council meeting.

Q. What is the best forum for Cllrs to share the Annual Report in?
A. It can be an agenda item under community or partnership working. Education, Community, Participation. It is currently hosted on the HEP SACRE website. A link will also be placed on the Council website signposting to the HEP SACRE website.

3.10 Jan again offered to circulate the updated Draft Report to all SACRE Members. **ACTION: JMcG**

4. Collective Worship statutory responsibilities
4.1 This item has been deferred to the March meeting as input was needed from Sally.

5. Links with other bodies
5.1 Haringey SACRE continues to have active links with NASACRE and Westhill, AREIAC and NATRE.

6. SACRE involvement locally
6.1 This item was covered under Item 1.

7. Borough of Haringey/ HEP: SACRE's own arrangements (statutory responsibilities)
7.1 HEP support SACRE by providing an Advisor and a Clerk.

7.2 HEP have only been in existence for 5 years. The HEP website is updated annually and there is a section on there for Headteachers and a section on SACRE. It is unsure how much teachers access the website, other than for the AMV syllabus.

8. Deciding on a SACRE project
8.1 Jan informed that SACRE projects are funded via NASACRE and the project would be addressing a particular issue. The Penine project was circulated to SACRE members as an example.

8.2 The project could be some sort of engagement of partnership working. Jan shared a possible area of partnership could be school visiting places of worship and observing and integrating the exposure into their RE. The Penine project template can be used for a project in Haringey.

Q. What can be done about CW in schools?
A. The Westhill provide £4K grants for a project. Such a project would help schools.

8.3 The problem of CW would be identified and monitored to provide better support for that area. It was suggested that there could be a working party to solve the issue and get funding from Westhill for such a project. Jan offered to look into the Westhill grant and put

a bid together. A decision over the theme of the project would need to be returned to in March 2023. **ACTION: JMcG/SACRE**

9. Any Other Business

9.1 Fay will look to recruit to Group B - the Church of England, as there are now only 2 members. **ACTION: FJ**

10. Dates of next meetings

10.1 The following dates were **agreed**:

- Thursday 2nd March 2023 - 5-6.30pm remote
- Thursday 8th June 2023 - 5-7pm Face to Face celebration

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 6.25pm.

ACTION LIST: 1st December 2022

ITEM	ACTION	ACTION BY
2.3	Jan to send out the Google Form questions in an email format and the collate responses.	**JMcG**
2.4	Fay to send Judith the paperwork on school websites.	**FJ**
3.10	Jan to circulate the Draft Annual Report.	**JMcG**
8.3	Jan to look into the Westhill grant - return to in March 2023	**JMcG/SACRE**
9.1	Fay to look at recruiting to Group B.	**FJ**

SIGNED: **DATE:**