Haringey Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Minutes of the meeting of 8th June 2023
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
	*James Lane	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)	Islamic Community
	*Maitripushpa Bois (MB)	Buddhist
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 A warm welcome was extended to new SACRE member: Judith Alexander

1.3 Apologies were received from: Tony Philemon, James Lane, Sally Moore, Ian Blaney, Cllr Alessandra Rossetti, Cllr Makbule Gunes and Cllr Ibrahim Ali. Present: James Chiriyankandath, Judith Alexander, Bibi Khan, Bob Allaway, Jean Brown, Glenford Johnson, Jan McGuire, Fay Jackson.

1.4 A warm welcome was extended to the Headteacher Bola Soneye -Thomas, RE Curriculum Lead Teacher Joanna Neilson and Pupils from Rokesly Junior School.

1.5 SACRE members and pupils viewed the THEOS film and there was feedback on the film from the pupils about their ideas and thoughts. They said the film provided spiritual awareness and gave a different perspective on the world, as everyone sees the world in a different way.

1.6 Joanna and pupils from Rokesly Junior School were invited by SACRE to celebrate their RE at the formal Haringey Celebration. Joanna and pupils shared with SACRE members "Our RE journey and why RE is important in our school". The sharing process was delivered through questions from SACRE members, and open table discussion, where pupils were encouraged to share and ask questions of one another throughout.

Joanna provided information of the history of RE teaching at Rokesly and her role and responsibilities as the RE lead: knowing the legal requirements, both national and specific to Rokesly; knowing the AMV vision and subject rationale and identified Rokesly subject 'intent': become familiar with the Six Areas of Enquiry / Golden threads, creating a curriculum overview, providing lesson plans, resources and materials to support teachers; monitoring and evaluating the RE learning for the pupils, ensuring pupils can talk about their RE learning, and link up the learning and knowledge.

The pupils provided SACRE members with detailed feedback on their learning in RE, and showed the RE class floor books for each year group. The pupils were very articulate in their discussions and descriptions of the content in their RE books. SACRE members were extremely impressed with the content, coverage and presentation, and the pupils' passion for the subject, their knowledge and confidence. This enthusiasm clearly came from the teachers and was passed down to the pupils.

Joanna informed SACRE members that they are building up a bank of RE trips and contacts to support the learning of RE.

1.7 SACRE members thanked Joanna and pupils of Rokesly Junior School for their presentation. The pupils were a credit to their families and to Rokesly Junior School. Certificates were presented to each of the pupils and the school left the meeting at 6.30pm.

Business Meeting

2 Minutes of the last meeting

2.1 The Minutes of the last meeting held on 21st March 2023 were **APPROVED** as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the chair

2.2 Jan reported the submitted Haringey 2023 bid to Westhill/ NASACRE funding was unsuccessful. In attending the NASACRE AGM in May with James, there was an input at the conference on how to receive support in preparing and writing a future bid. James will follow up to request feedback on our unsuccessful application. **ACTION: JC**

2.3 Jan and James fed back on the conference.

The 30th Year Anniversary AGM and NASACRE Conference was held at Fishmongers Hall. The conference was very well attended. James and Jan represented the Haringey SACRE. The event provided ample time for discussion and networking, an important element of the gathering, as we were able to learn from one another.
Keynote Address 1: An education in religion and worldviews - the next 30 years? Was provided by Dr Kathryn Wright. Kathryn is the Chief Executive of Culham St Gabriel's Trust, an endowed charitable foundation whose vision is for a broad-based, critical reflective education in religion and worldviews contributing to a well-informed, respectful and open society. Address 2: The role of SACREs in the emerging educational landscape, was delivered by the NASACRE Patron, Charles Clarke. Charles holds Visiting Professorships at Lancaster University and Kings College London. In 2015 he wrote, with Professor Linda Woodhead, "A New Settlement, Religion and Belief in Schools".
Both addresses provided SACRE's with much to consider how we work effectively with our local partners, with other SACRE's, and how we engage with our schools, especially academies, going forward. David also addressed the continued need for SACRE's to monitor Determinations and Collective worship in schools.

The 2023 Westhill Awards Winners were announced. On this occasion Haringey were not successful with their bid. Though disappointing, this does not prevent us from applying again. James will seek feedback from NASACRE.

National analysis of SACRE annual reports: delivered by Dr David Hampshire, this was helpful in understanding how SACRE's nationally report to Government. David Hampshire quoted from our annual report as a positive example of working.

2.4 <u>Agenda actions:</u>
The actions were completed.

3. SACRE Membership

3.1 Fay reported Cllr Sheila Peacock is not continuing as a Cllr representative.
As there has been no response from the Alevi representative, he will be removed from the membership. Concerned was raised with representation particularly in groups B Church of England and C Teacher Associations including Academy Schools. Agreed a need to look at different ways to seek members to represent Haringey on SACRE. **ACTION: BK, FJ**

4. Development Plan: going forward:

4.1 SACRE members discussed the need to return to the Development Plan at the start of each academic year to ensure that we have a clear focus of need and actions going forward. This will be addressed in the first meeting of SACRE on 7th September 2023. **ACTION: JC**

5. Statutory Responsibilities

5.1 Ofsted in Haringey schools have taken place, none focused on RE. There have been no requests for determinations.

6. Dates of next meetings

6.1 Dates 2023 -2024 were shared along with the venue, remote / virtual to all SACRE members ahead of this meeting for consideration. They were agreed by all present. However, it was also agreed that there should be one last opportunity with a deadline date to seek if this was agreeable to members not present. **ACTION: FJ**

Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Meeting 1	Thursday 7 September 2023	5.00 -6.30pm	HEP Hornsey School for Girls, Inderwick Road, N8 9JF
Meeting 2	Thursday 16 November 2023	5.00 -6.30pm	Virtual
Meeting 3	Thursday 21 March 2024	5.00 -6.30pm	Virtual
Meeting 4 Celebration Event	Thursday 6 June 2024	5.00 -7.00pm	HEP Hornsey School for Girls, Inderwick Road, N8 9JF

ACTION LIST: 08 June 2023

ITEM	ACTION	ACTION BY
2.2/2.4	Contact NASACRE feedback on the unsuccessful Westhill funding bid	**JC**
3 .1	Review different avenues to recruit members to SACRE	**BK, FJ**
4.1	Development Plan focus agreed on 7th September 2023	**JC**

6 .1	Email SACRE members with deadline date to respond re days/venues 2023 - 2024 meeting	**FJ**

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 7.10 pm.

SIGNED: **DATE:**