Haringey Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Minutes of the meeting of 19th October 2021
At 5:00pm

This was a virtual meeting due to the Covid-19 situation

MEMBERSHIP

Group A: Christian denominations other than the Church of England and principal religions represented in Great Britain	Robert Allaway (RA) (Chair)	Baptist Churches
	Tonye Philemon (TP)	The Peace Alliance and Pentecostal Churches
	Louise Fleming (LF)	Roman Catholic
	*Sandra Kviat (SK)	Crouch End Chavurah Jewish Community
	*Breda Parsons (BP)	Baha'i Community
	Norman Bacrac (NB)	Humanist
	*Ali Arslan (AA)	Alevi Community
	*Bibi Khan (BK)	Islamic Community
	Maitripushpa Bois (MB)	Buddhist
	*Mark Grosskopf (MGr)	Tottenham Jewish Community Association
Group B: Church of England	Rev. Tom Smith	Anglican
	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
	*Bernie Sheridan (BS)	Teacher, Greig City Academy
Group D: Local Authority, including elected Councillors	Fay Jackson (FJ)	HEP Advisor
	*Sheila Peacock (SP)	Cllr & Mayor
	Chenot Sakina (CS)	Cllr
	Alessandra Rossetti (AR)	Cllr
	James Chiriyankandath (JC)	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

Moment of contemplation
The Chair called everyone present to join in a moment of quiet contemplation before the meeting.

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

1.1 The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting. A warm welcome was extended to Louise Fleming – Roman Catholic rep and also to Rev. Tom Smith – the Anglican rep.

1.2 Apologies were received from: Cllr Sheila Peacock, Bibi Khan and Mark Grosskopf.

1.3 BA informed SACRE members that he will be mentoring a new successor for the role of Chair. Those interested to contact BA. **ACTION: All SACRE Members**

2. Minutes of the last meeting

2.1 The Minutes of the last meeting held on 29th June 2021 were **APPROVED** as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

2.2 Agenda item - The Hinduism Report has been deferred as it needs to be looked at in more detail by a Hindu rep, as it possibly has political affiliations. Jan informed that the REC has provided a national response to the Hinduism report. This will be a useful addition to our discussion around Hinduism.

3. RE Statutory Responsibilities

- The Annual Report documents that the SACRE is fulfilling its legal obligation for setting RE in schools. The report is an annual review of what has taken place and it needs to be passed by the SACRE members. The Annual Report covers the parts as specified on the DfE website.
- The Annual Report is shared with the DfE and NASACRE.
- Religion and worldviews Haringey demographic data is added into the Annual Report.
- In the 'Borough, Christians make up 45%, then Muslims, followed by Jews and Hindus. There are a minority of Buddhists and Sikhs in Haringey, and a significant proportion of families, over 20%, citing no religious beliefs'
- In lockdown the SACRE met 4 times during the year with the members of the 4 statutory groups. This format is continuing with 3 remote meetings and it is hoped that the final meeting, a celebratory one, may be in person, if it is safe to do so.
- BA has been the Haringey SACRE Chair since 2017. With succession planning in mind, if anyone is interested in shadowing/mentoring then they are asked to speak to BA.
- The AMV (Awareness Mystery Value) syllabus revision is underway. The revision is important, because the syllabus needs to reflect the major national changes in RE There is a working party committee looking at the new syllabus.

Q. Do we approve the work when the working party committee feeds back, so we have oversight?
A. The working party committee are getting to the stage where they will be approaching the SACRE to finalise the last documents. The website is being revised so it is hoped that the documents will be available for comment at the next SACRE meeting.

- Jan spoke about the grading that SACRE members were asked to complete jointly.

Q. What is the purpose of the grading? Is it for us or nationally or for another body to look at us and the grades?
A. At this stage it is to inform the Development Plan for Haringey SACRE.

4. Collective Worship and Statutory Requirements

- Standards and monitoring of CW – This is done through Ofsted reports, conversations with schools, teacher groups, website trawls and presentations from teachers.
- Determinations: There is a link to the Determination Process documents online, and this is up to date.
- There were no determinations.
- There is compliance with the statutory requirement and CW takes place in schools via lessons and assemblies.
- Other information on collective worship: withdrawals / SACRE support/Complaints/ teacher training/ advice to the LA

5. Links with other bodies

- Training has been delivered by NASACRE and further sessions are planned across the year.
- Jan runs induction sessions for new members at the end of SACRE meetings.
- Updates about events are sent out to SACRE members from the Diocese, Interfaith, NASACRE, REC, AREIAC and NATRE.

6. SACRE involvement locally

- SACRE members offer to provide advice on issues within the community.
- SACRE contributes to the wider Local Authority agenda, both as a statutory body to advise the LA on issues that may arise, as well as supporting areas linked to religion and worldviews within education.
- SACRE is involved in commissioned projects/Research awards/Consultancies/Resources and Materials: including providing support to the WIRE Award process.
- Additionally, there is involvement in the Holocaust memorial by Haringey SACRE.

7. Borough of Haringey/ HEP: SACRE's own arrangements (statutory responsibilities) including: (update from FJ: HEP)

7.1 Fay reported the following:

- Professional and administrative support for SACRE is provided through HEP. The LA receives funding in the Central Schools Service Block (CSSB) for SACRE, which is directed to HEP who carry out the statutory work.
- Support is provided through clerking and an adviser. ASC commissioned work/ project work and commissioned teacher training.
- Links are provided for council initiatives eg. Examination data which is included in Minutes and the Annual Report, demographic data as well as website and Head Teacher circular support.
- Membership, representation and recruitment are arranged so that there is quoracy at meetings and representation of every faith group in the borough.
- Training is arranged for SACRE (and ASC) members: with the support of NASACRE/ AREIAC Conferences/ ASC workshops & writing groups.

7.2 The Constitution was circulated to SACRE members prior to the meeting. SACRE members **approved** the Constitution.

8. Development Plan: reflecting and grading past year: SACRE going forward.

SACRE members looked at the Development Plan and graded themselves based on a score of 1-5 where 1 is low and 5 is high.

Annual Report Reflection and Development Plan Process October 2021			
Grade 1 (needs improvement) to Grade 5 (Excellent)		**Grade**	**SMART Action: Cycle of review**
1	**Haringey SACRE Meetings 2020 - 2021**		
2	**Religious Education Statutory Responsibilities**		
a	The AMV Local Agreed Syllabus and RE in schools	**3**	A working group had been set up.
b	Awareness Mystery and Value (AMV) Agreed Syllabus Conference (ASC)	**3**	This has been discussed in SACRE meetings.
c	Standards and monitoring of RE	**2**	The website will be looked at and there will be a follow up letter of evaluation and support.
d	Teacher training and materials and advice for schools	**3**	Training has taken off well, including Twilight sessions. A RE network needs to be set up.
e	Other information: withdrawals/ complaints	**4**	This information can be added to the website.
f	Advice to the LA	**4**	The LA are kept informed via Fay.
3	**Collective Worship Statutory Responsibilities**		
a	Standards and monitoring of Collective Worship	**1**	Due to Covid-19 and the restrictions not much time was spent monitoring CW. CW will be added to the website and the monitoring process will begin. CW will also be on the SACRE agenda.
b	Determinations: advice to LA	**4**	No determinations were brought to the SACRE's attention. Fay has updated the website. Information is given out and responded to when needed.
c	Teacher/ school training provided	**2**	Online training is provided. More people are attending as there is no travel involved. There is good support for CW, but less so for community schools. Collaborative working needs to be done.
4	**Links with other bodies**		
	National bodies	**5**	There are good links with national bodies. Eg. NASACRE Conference was attended and training sessions. AREIAC, NATRE, REC are well supported. Interfaith Network.
5	**SACRE involvement locally**		
	Local SACRE Links and SACRE involvement locally		
6	**Haringey SACRE's own**		

	arrangements (statutory responsibilities) including:		
	Professional and administrative support and how the LA supports the SACRE (clerking, adviser, links to council initiatives)		
	Membership, representation & recruitment - quoracy, issues and successes with recruitment		
	Training for SACRE (and ASC) members		
	Finance given to SACRE for its work		

Sections 5 and 6 will be completed at the next meeting. **ACTION: JMcG**

9. Any Other Business

9.1 There was no AOB.

10. Dates of next meetings

10.1 The following dates were **agreed**:

- Tuesday - 30th November 2021 (5pm-7pm)
- Tuesday – 22nd March 2022 (5pm-7pm)
- Tuesday - 28th June 2022 (5pm-7pm) Celebration

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 6.33pm.

ACTION LIST: 29 June 2021

ITEM	ACTION	ACTION BY
1.3	If anyone is interested in shadowing/mentoring BA to please contact Bob.	**ALL SACRE MEMBERS**
8.	Complete sections 5 and 6 of the Development Plan.	**JMcG**

SIGNED: **DATE:**