Haringey Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Minutes of the meeting of 21st March 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 Vice-Chair welcomed everyone present to the meeting.

1.2 Apologies were received from: James Chiriyankandath, Sally Moore and Judith Alexander.

1.3 Introductions were made and the Vice-Chair informed the meeting was quorate.

1.4 Fay informed that Louise Fleming has stepped down. James Lane Headteacher at St Francis de Sales Catholic will be joining SACRE as the Roman Catholic representative. Judith Alexander has requested to join SACRE. Mark Grosskopf has resigned.

1.5 Fay added that Ali Arslan from the Alevi Community has not attended for over 3 meetings and she would be writing to find out if he still wants to be part of the SACRE. **ACTION: FJ**

1.6 Fay has also written to Headteachers asking for teacher representation on the SACRE.

1.7 The Minutes of the last meeting held on 1st December 2022 were **APPROVED** as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Vice-Chair.

1.8 Agenda actions:
All the actions from the previous meeting were **completed**.
Item 2.3 Jan sent out the Google Form questions in an email format and collated the responses.
Item 2.4 Fay sent Judith the paperwork on school websites.
Item 3.10 Jan circulated the Draft Annual Report.
Item 8.3 Jan looked into the Westhill grant. This is an agenda item.
Item 9.1 Fay has started to recruit for Group B.

2. Development Plan

2.1 Jan shared a slide presentation. Jan spoke about the impact of Ofsted grading and the SACRE's involvement in monitoring RE in schools, and SACRE is seen to be fair in this process. The HMI Ofsted second Research report for RE has not been released as yet, it will provide information that will inform the support that we provide to the RE curriculum in schools.

2.2 Jan was previously requested to research ideas that may be submitted for Westhill/ NASACRE funding. Jan suggested a SACRE project focusing on the monitoring, mentoring process, that would culminate in a celebration of RE in schools. The deadline for submitting a project idea is the 30th March 2023. It is an upbeat and positive project that will raise the profile of SACRE in a good way. It is also a statutory responsibility of SACRE to monitor the quality of RE in the borough.

2.3 The format would be to look at school websites and the policies for RE. Training can be provided for those schools, if it was found that there are areas where teachers need support, some bespoke training and mentoring. There could be a financial incentive to release staff for training ie. providing teaching cover. Individual surgeries with Jan can take place. All this support would help to address the school's needs and it would be bespoke to the needs of that school.

2.4 The funding proposal would be made to Westhill. It could also include mentoring from Jan, Fay or other SACRE members, and information on what was discovered in the monitoring visit. There can be help with writing policies, generic leadership skills, specific mentoring around building up the curriculum etc.

2.5 Sheila asked for a form to be sent to her and requested monitoring schools that she is a Governor at. Fay will send out a form. Jan suggested that for the purposes of monitoring, it was better to have distance from the schools for subjective actions to be made. **ACTION: FJ**

Q. What is being done about the Jewish element in schools? HMD was attended by 300 people and it would be nice to have SACRE representation.
A. Fay sends out information to schools in the Newsletter covering key dates and events to attend.

2.6 Sheila informed of the following date: HMD – 28th January 2024 at 2pm via Eventbrite. Sheila will share further information with SACRE members and schools closer the time. **ACTION: SP**

2.7 SACRE members were happy to support the bid. Fay and Ian will help Jan by looking over the paperwork for the bid. **ACTION: FJ/IB/JMcG**

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. It is important to be aware of the AMV syllabus when SACRE members are part of the monitoring process and reviewing the curriculum on school websites.

3.2 The AMV syllabus is a statutory responsibility and there are 6 areas of inquiry for teachers to look at in the curriculum. The AMV syllabus is a good fit for teaches in Haringey, as it enables teachers to look at the full religious and diverse views. The website explains the framework and policies and there are also lots of teaching exemplars there too.

3.3 Jan asked for SACRE members to authorise additional work to be done with Adam on the AMV because of the further problems received from teachers around broken links, which go out of date. Jan would mend the links and add new resources for teachers and will also meet up with Adam. This should take no more than a day. SACRE members **agreed** to the additional day's work.

3.4 Last time there was a light touch review of the process around the AMV syllabus. Nationally there are big changes taking place and the links need to be updated so they are user friendly for the teachers. Eventually a full review of the curriculum will need to be done.

3.5 The last meeting of each year is interactive and up skilling for SACRE members. SACRE members **agreed** to have the same format as last year. It was also noted that colleagues from the community are not aware of SACRE's work.

4. Collective Worship statutory responsibilities

4.1 Jan informed that there were determinations coming through in many London schools, however Haringey do not have any coming through. There are no determinations to deal with.

Q. Does it mean there is no need for determinations or are schools not considering determinations?
A. The Collective Worship guidance currently being written by AREIAC/ NASACRE will be important for SACRE and it will need to be passed onto schools, so they are aware of their legal responsibility. There may be a number of reasons eg. schools may not be worrying about it or they may not be aware of their responsibilities or ignoring them or happy with the process going. The reason that Haringey has no determinations is unknown and SACRE needs to share the Collective Worship documents with schools and remind Headteachers of their responsibilities. CW - SACRE has a statutory responsibility of monitoring this element.

5. Links with other bodies

5.1 Haringey SACRE has a lot of links nationally eg. REC, NASACRE, AREIAC and NATRE. The various bodies share national RE curriculum updates. Jan attends the meetings.

5.2 There is also contact with Culhams St. Gabriel's Trust, Westhill and NASACRE.

5.3 The annual NASACRE Conference is taking place on Monday 22nd May 2023 in Fishmongers Hall, London. It is hoped that James and Jan will attend. They can then report back about the conference.

5.4 Nationally there is interest in researching the finance of SACRE's. SACREs are unaware of the funding from the Government. With more funding there is an opportunity for more projects and support. The Haringey LA receive approximately £40K, a proportion of this comes via HEP.

6. Borough of Haringey/ HEP: SACRE's own arrangements (statutory responsibilities)

6.1 The LA following the 1988 Education Act, when Religious Education (RE) was confirmed as a compulsory part of the curriculum, it became a statutory requirement for every LA to appoint a SACRE. The LA receive funding for the SACRE to carry out the role and responsibilities required, they pass on the funding to HEP. HEP in supporting SACRE provide an Advisor and a Clerk and Fay is the link HEP person.

6.2 Some of the funds also covers the Agreed Syllabus. Any funding left over from one year goes into the next year to support that year.

6.3 Jan has delivered more central training to Haringey teachers, on the main HEP CPD programme. There is a range of CPD on offer, and schools that ask for 1-2-1 support are provided it. The training has been well received.

6.3 There is a SACRE link from the council to the HEP page and to the SACRE page. Fay keeps the website up to date.

6.5 There were no national changes to report. The teacher strikes have had an impact, but there is no Government initiatives coming through that will have an impact.

6.6 A FOI request was received from NASACE asking about the funding and how it is spent.

7. Face to face meeting – Thursday 8th June 2023 5-7pm

7.1 The final SACRE meeting will be a face to face one. It will be held at the HEP offices. Last year pupils from Bounds Green Primary School came in to do a presentation.

SACRE members could see the outcomes and impact of learning on the pupils' education.

7.2 The format of the meeting will be the same. Fay will speak to Jan to decide on which schools to invite. **ACTION: FJ/JMcG**

7.3 Jan suggested that there can also be a promotional film. There are resources on line. This would be a professional film that can be shared on the day, which will raise the profile of RE and SACRE.

8. Any Other Business

8.1 Fay suggested for consideration that we returned to face to face for 2 of the 4-meeting next academic year.

9. Dates of next meetings

9.1 The following dates were **agreed**:

- Thursday 8th June 2023 - 5-7pm Face to Face celebration

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 6.10pm.

ACTION LIST: 21st March 2023

ITEM	ACTION	ACTION BY
1.5	Fay to write to Ali Arslan from the Alevi Community regarding membership.	**FJ**
2.5	Fay to send Sheila the monitoring form.	**FJ**
2.6	Sheila to share information on the HMD closer the time.	**SP**
2.7	Fay and Ian will help Jan by looking over the paperwork for the bid.	**FJ/IB/JMcG**
7.2	Fay and Jan to decide on the schools to invite for the 8th June 2023 meeting.	**FJ/JMcG**

SIGNED: **DATE:**