Haringey Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Minutes of the meeting of 22nd March 2022
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
Group D: Local Authority, including elected Councillors	Fay Jackson (FJ)	HEP Advisor
	*Sheila Peacock (SP)	Cllr
	*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

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

1.1 The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting. The meeting was not quorate.

1.2 Apologies were received from: Maitripushpa Bois, Jean Brown and Cllr Alessandra Rossetti.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

2.1 A few amendments were raised about the Minutes.

2.2 Subject to the above amendments the Minutes of the last meeting held on 30th November 2021 were **APPROVED** as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

2.3 Fay informed that nobody has volunteered for the role of SACRE Chair. Bob will be stepping down at the end of the academic year. **Action:** Members were asked to consider the role and to speak with Bob and Fay if interested.

2.4 Agenda actions:
The actions were completed. The website monitoring is a meeting Agenda item.

3. RE Statutory Responsibilities

Agreed Syllabus Conference update/Teacher training and materials- launch training summary

- Jan updated SACRE on the progress of the AMV ASC and its statutory responsibilities.
- Training sessions have taken place on the AMV syllabus with teachers around the country, including the Haringey teachers. The sessions have been well received. It was a productive way of sharing how to use and refresh the syllabus.
- The HEP OW Scheme of Work created by Christine Counsell has been raised by teachers as an area of concern. It was reported that teachers are not able to match the HEP OW scheme with the Legally Agreed Syllabus (AMV). Jan has offered to review the schemes to create a mapping grid (AMV and OW HEP) for schools to follow, to assist with curriculum planning and Ofsted requirements. Fay will send Jan the information. **ACTION: FJ/JMcG**
- SACRE discussed the possibility of providing an Understanding Christianity and AMV combined training session for teachers. The Diocese-Sally and Jan could jointly provide a training session via HEP. **Action: SACRE future discussion and decision FJ/JMG/SM**
- The AMV writing leads, including Jan, delivered five training sessions remotely. The sessions provided a detailed run through of each of the refreshed areas of the website, new documents, changes in national policy and new resources for the classroom. The basic Agreed Syllabus document is the same materials as in 2016. All the website links have been checked and the information has been updated where it had gone out of date. The legal requirements were viewed as well as the AMV vision on the school websites. The six golden threads of the syllabus were looked at, which is an Ofsted's focus.
- Jan informed that there is a new section on the AMV website – Basics, which covers the key legal requirements, vision and identity of the school.
- It was suggested that SACRE could provide an additional HEP training session for teachers on the RE legal framework and rights and responsibilities. The training session for teachers would explain what to put on the school website and raise awareness of their legal responsibility. **Action: SACRE future discussion and decision FJ/JMG**
- JMG shared a PowerPoint summary of the training slides used in the remote teacher training sessions with the SACRE members.

- The syllabus remains in place for next 5 years.

- SACRE/ HEP/ RE staff need to make sure that schools are embedding the AMV syllabus into the curriculum. **Action: SACRE monitoring**
- It was confirmed that Haringey schools are starting to use the AMV syllabus in schools.
- Fay informed that there has been a good response from Haringey schools about the training delivered by Jan.

4. Collective Worship and Statutory Requirements
Standards and monitoring of CW - for this session we will merge the monitoring of RE
4.1 Fay confirmed that there were no determinations to report.

4.2 Moderation and looking at school websites - Fay thanked Sally, Ian, James, Bob and Jan for looking at their allocated school websites. **Action: SACRE monitoring of further allocated schools FJ/ALL**

4.3 Ian provided feedback on the ease of use of the template for monitoring school websites. The template took approx. 25-30mins to complete. The relevant information was readily visible on the website and so the template was easily completed.

4.4 Ian found that no RE teacher was identified on the website, but it did state that the school was using the AMV syllabus, which was part of the Statement of Intent. There was no information on the possibility of parents withdrawing their children from RE. There were no details on the amount of hours RE was taught, but there was detailed coverage on RE in the school Newsletters. The progression was not clearly set out on the website and there was no information on Collective Worship. There were areas for improvement, but also areas for praise.

4.4 Fay reported that 4 Haringey schools have had an Ofsted Inspection two weeks ago, but none of them had a focus on a deep dive in RE.
4.5 Jan has offered schools RE Ofsted preparation training. Jan informed that HEP has asked her to provide pre-Ofsted support to one Primary school, this included a presentation to the full staff. **Action: Training offer schools RE Ofsted preparation training- FJ/JMG**

5. Links with other bodies
5.1 There is a link to Christine Counsell with regard to the overview of her Scheme of Work, which still needs to be aligned to the AMV. **See action 3**
5.2 Sally informed that the diocese is updating their syllabus and new units are being reviewed.

5.3 SIAMS inspections have restarted after the pandemic. These are statutory inspections for Anglican schools and they take place every 5 years, but have now been pushed back to take place every 7 years. The inspectors look at RE, CW, the Curriculum, and the softer skills - hope and aspiration and courageous advocacy. Schools are also starting on the revised framework.

6. SACRE involvement locally

6.1 James reported that attendance in the Christian churches has not picked up to pre-Covid levels. Churches have online services. This has implications on how children experience religion.

6.2 Tom added that St Michael's CE Church was not back fully to pre-pandemic levels. He has phased out the online content to get parishioners to come back in person. Schools have been back in church twice in the last 9 months. Tom is encouraging visits into the building. Easter will be a good marker to see whether to continue with online content.

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

7.1 Fay informed that professional and administrative support to the SACRE is received from the LA., which includes clerking and HEP contracting Jan as the RE Advisor.

7.2 Fay will be leaving her role as the LA Officer to Haringey SACRE at the end of the academic year. Fran Hargreaves will be taking on the role. There will be a full handover.

Jan thanked Fay for her work and commitment to the Haringey SACRE.

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

8.1 For this meeting the focus was on the monitoring of schools/ Agreed Syllabus.

8.2 It was suggested that a letter is sent to the schools that have been monitored with feedback on what the schools did well and what they can work on, and the support SACRE can provide. Letters could be written by the SACRE as a whole to make sure that they are appropriate.

8.3 After a brief discussion it was agreed to monitor some more schools and include a training session. SACRE Members would do another dozen schools and carry out the same exercise in 12 months' time. **ACTION: FJ**

8.4 The schools would be selected at random. They would be no church schools, just maintained schools. Denominational schools will be done at another time. SACRE Members who would like to monitor another school are asked to contact Fay.

Sally, Ian and Tom offered to check another school. Sally offered to do a comparison example.

Q. Will this be followed up with a letter going to the church schools?
A. It was only intended to go to the schools that were monitored. The letter would be personalised for each school.

Jan informed that she has template letters from the REC and NATRE that can be used, but need to be pitched at the right level. Those SACRE members interested in looking at the letters were asked to let Jan know.

9. Any Other Business

9.1 James Chiriyankandath stated that there would be new Cllrs next time as the Council elections were taking place in May. He was not sure if the other Cllrs were standing for re-election.

9.2 James informed SACRE members that he was not standing for re-election and would therefore be standing down from his SACRE membership.

Fay and Jan thanked James for his commitment and support to the Haringey SACRE.

10. Dates of next meetings

10.1 The following dates were **agreed**:

- Tuesday - 28th June 2022 (5pm-7pm) Celebration Event and AMV launch celebration.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 6.15pm.

ACTION LIST: 22 March 2022

ITEM	ACTION	ACTION BY
3.	Fay to provide Jan with the grid information.	**FJ/JMcG**
8.3	Fay to provide SACRE members with information on the additional schools they have to monitor	**FJ**

SIGNED: **DATE:**