

**Minutes of the meeting of the
Cambridgeshire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)
Virtual Meeting via Teams
Wednesday 1st February 2023 at 4.15pm**

Present:

Committee A

Aga Cahn (AC),
Julia Ewans (JE - SACRE Chair),
Sejad Mekic (SM),
Raj Shah (RS),

Committee B

Nicola Beeston (NB)
Philippa Stevens (PS)

Committee C

Dennis Johnson (DJ),
Tony Reynolds (TR),

Committee D

Cllr Alex Bullat

Co-opted

Victoria Goodman
Susan Scholan (SS),

In attendance

Laura Corcoran, SACRE Clerk
Amanda Fitton (AF, SACRE Adviser),

No	Agenda Item	Action
1	<u>Welcome and introduction of new members</u> The chair welcomed colleagues to the meeting. It was confirmed that Cllr Simon King had been appointed to the committee but he had sent his apologies.	
1.1	<u>Apologies</u> Received from Becky Layfield, Laura Penrose and Reverend Robert Mackley and Philippa Slatter.	
2.0	<u>Declarations of interest</u> There were no new declarations in relating to the agenda.	
4.0	<u>Minutes of 12 October 2022 and matters arising</u> The minutes were agreed as a true record subject to one typo in section 7.	
5	<u>Safeguarding and prevent training update</u> The clerk advised that 7 Members had so far completed the Prevent training and asked that all members complete this as a matter of urgency and by 7.2.23 at the latest. If colleagues have already carried out the training within their workplace setting, please also send the certificate to the clerk.	All
6.0	SACRE membership and recruitment update	

6.1	<p>The clerk advised that following the appointment of Cllr King to committee D, there was a full compliment in this group.</p> <p>The current SACRE vacancies remain in committee A; Baptist, Methodist, Roman Catholic and Orthodox. Please can members support with filling vacancies. The clerk and AF had continued to approach organisations directly as well as sharing via Schools News and the SACRE newsletter.</p>	
7.0	<p>Agreed Syllabus for RE 2023-2028 – update from committee</p>	
7.1	<p>Since the last meeting the AS committee had continued to meet on a regular basis. In between meetings, the group have been busy preparing the final version for 2023-28.</p> <p>The formal meeting to approve the AS took place on 11 January and following a formal vote, this was agreed by the 3 LAs Peterborough, Cambridgeshire and Rutland. There was an issue with councillor presence however their votes have since been received and carried..</p> <p>On 7th March the proposal will go to the cabinet of Rutland. On 8th March the proposal will go to the Young Peoples committee</p> <p>AF had met with Carly Holliman, AD for education regarding the process. The next steps are for AF to tweak the final version before it goes to cabinet.</p> <p>JE thanked all colleagues who had been involved in this important process and invited all members to attend the launch on a complimentary basis.</p> <p>The launch conference is on 15th June at the Huntington Marriott and the save the date flyers have already been sent out and there are already bookings. The event will also be promoted directly by Jonathan Lewis. There are 169 places for RE teachers.</p> <p>On 6th February, the clerk will meet in house with AF to finalise the programme for the day. A selection of high profile speakers have already been booked. Members discussed the fact that this event was an excellent CPD opportunity for teachers.</p> <p>Members discussed member input in terms of workshops. It was noted that AC was due to run a workshop. DJ also offered support with workshop input.</p>	<p>DJ</p>
8.0	<p><u>Training for schools 2022-23</u></p> <p>AF advised that the next training session will take place at Bukcden Village Hall and will focus on RE and SEND on 8th February.</p> <p>There will be a further run of RE and Ofsted before half term.</p> <p>AF advised that next year training will be required on the new Agreed Syllabus and that she will be building this into next year's programme for schools.</p>	
9.0	<p><u>Teacher training and materials / advice for schools</u></p> <p>There had been a lot of questions about faith and withdrawing from schools, it was suggested therefore that the resources on the website are updated so that there is clear guidance for teachers. JE asked for members' support in this area and to please contact AF.</p> <p>SM, as Muslim representative, offered support in this area</p>	<p>SM</p>
10.0	<p><u>Teachers to speak at SACRE meetings – update</u></p> <p>AF asked teacher colleagues to let her know if they are aware of anyone who would be able to present to SACRE about RE matters.</p>	<p>All</p>
11.0	<p><u>Guidance on collective worship – update from committee</u></p> <p>NB led on this area and advised that herself, RS, AF and PS had met as a sub committee to start reviewing the collective worship guidance for schools. This has</p>	

	<p>involved group members looking at different policies pertaining to other schools and local authorities. The group have narrowed down a final version which will be reviewed at their next meeting. RS pointed out the importance of the highlighting the differences between collective worships and assemblies. Update at the next meeting.</p> <p>JE advised that NASACRE are running an online collective worship course on 14th March and will circulate the details. All courses are included within NASACRE's subscription.</p>	<p>NB</p> <p>JE</p>
12.1	<p><u>Members' updates (including feedback from RE teacher reps on matters / recent Ofsted inspections)</u></p> <p>-AF advised that there had been no RE deep dives within the area that she was aware of.</p> <p>-Schools have been exploring multi faiths and the importance of children having access to this.</p> <p>-AF has been advising a school on a consultancy basis relating to RE and Ofsted.</p> <p>-Members discussed that progression through the RE curriculum had been a recurring theme within recent inspections. AF suggested producing non statutory guidance on this matter.</p> <p>-RS had met with the church on Cherry Hinton Road and suggested that he invites a representative to attend the next SACRE meeting.</p> <p>-VB advised of an interfaith gathering on Sunday at the Signal box Community Centre in Cambridge to which members are invited to attend. AC advised that she was sending a student (to the event) from the Synagogue.</p>	
13.	<p><u>Westhill update</u></p> <p>Members recalled that prior to lockdown, the Westhill grant had been approved and that this relates to getting speakers into schools in the fens. The project had since been put on hold. As we have been approached by Westhill for an update, JE had responded to advise that this project was not feasible during the current academic year. The unspent funds will therefore be returned.</p>	
14	<p><u>Any other business</u></p> <p>The date of the NASACRE conference is and will take place in London on 22nd May.</p> <p>There is space for 2 SACRE delegates to attend in person, please let the clerk know if you are interested. This is an excellent networking opportunity for a SACRE member to attend alongside AF.</p>	
15	<p><u>Next meeting date:</u></p> <p>14 June 2023 4:30-6:30pm (in person – Cambridge)</p> <p>Agreed Syllabus Conference 15 June 9-3 (in person)</p>	

The meeting closed at 17:45

Signed: _____
Chair of SACRE