

**Minutes of the meeting of the
Cambridgeshire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Thursday 12th October 2022 at 4.15pm**

Present: Aga Cahn (AC), Cllr Alex Bulat, Becky Palmer (BP), Becky Layfield (BL), Catherine Watts (, Dr Shirley Hall (SH), Julia Ewans (JE - SACRE Chair), Susan Scholan (SS), Liz Bassett (LB), Raj Shah (RS), Tony Reynolds (TR), Philippa Slatter (PSL), Sejad Mekic (SM), Wilf Jones WJ (WJ), Dennis Johnson (DJ), Cathy Watts (CW), Nicola Beeston (NB) & Robert Mackley (RM)

In attendance

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

No	Agenda Item	Action
1	Welcome and introduce new members	
1.1	<p>JE opened the meeting and introduced new member Nicola Beeston from committee B (Church of England) – noted to remove schools performance officer which was the previous officer's role.</p> <p>Members thanked the Clerk and Chair for providing the detailed guidance documents – including the notes which accompanied the agenda.</p>	
2.0	Apologies	
2.1	Apologies had been received from Laura Penrose, Becky Layfield, Philippa Stephens and Ray Mitchell	
3.0	Appointment of SACRE Chair and Vice Chair	
3.1	<p>JE was elected as Chair of SACRE by majority vote.</p> <p>BP was elected as vice chair of SACRE by majority vote.</p>	
4.0	Guidance on Collective Worship	
4.1	Following the note on the agenda, it was suggested that small group of SACRE members (say one from each of the four committees) review the Collective Worship guidance, which was last updated in 2015 and make it fit for use in 2022. A copy of the guidance had been sent with the meeting papers.	
4.2	<p>PSL led on this item which had been discussed at length at previous meetings. It was agreed that RJ and NB would join the committee (with PSL) relating to collective worship.</p> <p>In addition, AF would provide some relevant information to the committee including previous work completed. In the first instance, AF would look at websites to ensure that the document contains a more up to date view of collective worship.</p>	AF
5.0	Agree SACRE Members Code of Conduct	
5.1	<p>JE invited members views on the proposed code of conduct for SACREs.</p> <p>It was clarified that previously SACREs had adopted the Cambs CC Code of Conduct, the current version however was based on the NASACRE best practice version for SACREs. After some discussion, it was agreed that the committee would adopt the NASACRE Code of Conduct.</p>	Clerk
5.2	<p>Review SACRE Terms of Reference</p> <p>The SACRE Terms of Reference was agreed – with the addition of a short paragraph about induction training upon appointment being mandatory.</p> <p>BP pointed out a paragraph relating to world views in committee A and the fact that this had recently introduced to the Agreed Syllabus. BP asked members for their thoughts on this</p>	Clerk

	<p>matter – in particular the constitution of committee A. It was clarified that constitutional matters should go through CCC.</p> <p>It was noted that there was a as a Piegan who had expressed an interest. BP to provide details.</p>	BP
6.0	Agree frequency of meetings (suggested format of moving from 3 to 4 per year) (
6.1	<p>The chair invited members thoughts on the frequency of meetings. It was noted that 3 meetings per year does not always allow SACRE to fulfil all elements of its scheme of work, including statutory matters. Due to implications relating to the clerk and AF's working hours, it was agreed that a fourth should take place but would be on a less formal basis, for example an in-house working meeting which does not need to be clerked. The committee agreed that it would be practical for this to be a face-to-face meeting and to take place in Spring 2023.</p> <p>It was also suggested that SACRE carry out alternative activities including students hearing from SACRE members. This would be a good way for members to monitor what is happening in schools. DJ talked about a previous activity he had been involved in relating to this and suggested that a clear focus is provided beforehand.</p> <p>AF suggested arranging for members to hear from a variety of schools i.e. church schools, academies, secondary schools etc.</p> <p>A member suggested that this activity takes place in the form of a virtual or hybrid meeting after school, as opposed to asking students to travel in their own time (i.e when SACRE meetings take place). Ghurton Village Hall was suggested as a mutually convenient location for members and AF confirmed that there is an agreed budget for this. Other members offered the use of their own community rooms and places of worship as potential meeting venues.</p> <p>AF to liaise with the clerk, DJ and BP further regarding this activity.</p>	AF/ Clerk
7.0	Teachers to speak at future SACRE meetings to help SACRE understand how RE is taught in all the different types of school across Cambridgeshire	
7.1	<p>It is proposed that heads of RE are invited to come and talk to SACRE about RE in their schools. This would be followed up by AF.</p>	AF/ Clerk
8.0	Westhill Grant funded Project	
8.1	<p>It was discussed that this project was started pre pandemic when the intention was to meet schools from different communities. We talked to those involved in this about doing it online etc but already other people providing this for students.</p> <p>JE invited members thoughts.</p>	
8.2	<p>The committee were advised that they should either revive the project for the current school year or return the unspent grant funds. AF is looking at the recruitment of more schools. SACRE, particularly the members of 'Committee A' must be involved.</p>	
8.3	<p>It was agreed that AF send out a survey to schools in order to ascertain what they want in terms of next steps. Who wants to get involved in the project - JE to also check with Peterborough SACRE next week.</p>	JE
9.1	Minutes of 16 June 2022 and matters arising not elsewhere	
9.1	<p>The minutes were agreed as a true record.</p>	
9.2	<p><u>Agreed actions</u></p> <p>Local authorities enabling inclusive assemblies and collective workshop – for discussion at future meeting - complete</p> <p>Clerk to circulate the teacher attendance training data for 2021-22 – not yet complete</p> <p>Interfaith week – members discussed how they can take part in this important event in the Autumn – possibly set up working group this term</p> <p>AF confirmed that restrictions are now lifted and suggested that a subcommittee meet to discuss further how they may reinstate religious events.</p> <p>AF to seek advice on obtaining exam grades from schools – complete</p>	

11.0	SACRE Membership and recruitment - update and discussion	
11.2	The clerk advised that there were Baptist, Buddhist, Methodist and RC vacancies. The clerk asked for members support in filling the vacancies to ensure that the committee is equally represented.	
12	Correspondence and updates – NASACRE / DfE etc	
12.1	The clerk advised that SACRE now subscribe to NASACRE training which is all on zoom. Recordings can be played back action for all members to listen to. The clerk had circulated the login details.	
13	Agreed Syllabus working group (update)	
13.2	<p>The committee had met on 14th September and the minutes were in the meeting folder Progress had been made in terms of KS3 involving an additional meeting between AF and BP. AF advised that she is meetings with Clarkson school next week and agreed to look at assessment.</p> <p>The launch is set for the 15th June 2023. The cost will be £180 per school delegate and there are two keynote speakers booked Christine counsel and Catherine wright. There will be workshop on transition from KS2 to KS3. SACRE members Gurdev Singh and Julia Ewans will also provide workshops.</p> <p>JE added that the head of humanist UK will be attending to do a talk.</p> <p>AF invited further members involvement in workshop. RS offered to do this.</p> <p>Head of education at humanist UK to carry out a talk</p> <p>DJ advised that he had been to Jane Temple today and has a good contact, he will pass on AF details.</p>	RS DJ
14	Training for schools	
14.1	<p>AF had delivered the first face to face course since the pandemic in leading RE in schools attended by 12 participants. The venue was Bucken Village Hall</p> <p>RE and Ofsted and network meetings coming up. We hope network meetings will be face to face</p> <p>The clerk has shared the schools training RE booklet with members.</p>	
15	Members' updates	
15.1	<p>RS advised of the new community name for Cambs Hindu Association</p> <p>DJ advised of his colleague at St Bedes school who had adapted his work to support students in RE. This relates to a group of passionate students whom he had met with at lunchtimes to help them develop leadership skills to start RE projects of their own. DJ suggested that he talks to teachers about how they might set up a group of small people</p> <p>AC advised that she has resumed visiting schools plus there is a change in ages of children coming to synagogue, ie a lot of year 1. Group of RE teachers from academy in Peterborough history teachers now asked to teach RE who didn't know about SACRE. AF to follow up with trust school.</p>	DJ AF
16	AOB	
16.1	There was no any other business	
17	Date of next meeting	
17.1	<p>Wednesday 1st February 2023</p> <p>Additional spring term meeting – date to be agreed</p>	

The meeting closed at 17:45

Signed: _____
Chair of SACRE