

**East Sussex SACRE**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2009**  
**Cuckmere 2**  
**East Sussex Training & Development Centre Eastbourne**

**Present** (Chair), Susan Thompson (RE Advisor), Rebecca Haynes (Clerk)  
Rebecca Stutters, Bev Devaux, Connie Hughes, John Court,  
Lienna Gomm, Mike Rundle, Jill Bell, Linda Appleby, Ros Gillies,  
Dr Brenda Vance, Kevin Fossey, Father David Smith, Dr Brian  
Hick, Councillor Trevor Webb, Councillor Martin Lock & Councillor  
Richard Stogdon. Martin Lloyd & Derek Bastide

**Also Attended** Mr George Jelliss - Humanist Observer  
Imaam Muhammad – Al-Medinah Mosque Brighton  
Sabri – B.H.M.F

Susan Thompson (ST) opened the meeting

## **Actions**

### **I. Presentation by ST**

ST gave a Power Point Presentation on the Multi Faith Event held on 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> March 2009. The group were referred to the Multi Faith attachment on the meetings agenda.

The presentation showed the group pictures and video clips from the event.

Susan gave an explanation of the activities that the students engaged in during the course of the days events.

Susan shared with the group the feedback received from the event. And how the schools that participated were eager to join any future events that are planned. It was also raised that the teachers would like to have the opportunity to bring more students.

Susan explained to the group the commitment game the students took part in during the event.

A question was raised as to what dates are planned for 2010 event?

- January or early February are being considered and ST is waiting confirmation from the School Improvement Service.

### **II. A question was raised if it would be possible to have an Infant day included in the event?**

- This would raise a capacity issue and funding. The more demand that is available and space available in different venues

### **III. It was raised that if a school wanted to have a whole day training in RE they could use an inset day to host an event using their staff inviting other schools to participate.**

### **IV. SACRE Conference**

#### **V. ST used a Power Point Presentation to expand on her report included in the meetings agenda from the Conference held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

Susan informed the group who the speakers were and the topics that they presented.

Examples of what was shown to the delegates and what the delegates engaged in were shown to the group from some of the workshops, along with photos of the days events.

ST shared with the group the feedback from the Conference and with some of the evaluation comments.

Overall the delegates had an engaging and informative day although the dance workshop had not been so well received by delegates.

A question was raised why the same teaching principles could be applied to other subject areas?

- This Conference was designed for RE teaching but could be applied to other subject areas.

Susan Thompson on behalf of SACRE expressed thanks to Rebecca Haynes for all her hard work in ensure that the Conference was organised and ran efficiently.

## 1 Business Meeting

ST opened the business meeting welcoming the new SCARE members acknowledging and welcoming the observers that had visited the days meeting.

1.1 Apologies were received from Imam Sajid.

## 2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 February 2009 and Matters Arising

11.2 ST informed the group that East Sussex SACRE had been unsuccessful in their NASACRE bid although would apply again for money for another Multi Faith event.

A question was raised as to who had been successful for funding?

**Action: ST to investigate and inform the members.**

ST

ST gave a brief update on the ASC conference that was held the day before. The conference had a vacancy for a Group D Representative.

Councillor Lock agreed to be the representative with Councillor Webb attending in his absence.

The minutes were agreed as a correct record

2.1 ST asked the group to elect a Chairperson; Councillor Lock was nominated by Councillor Webb and seconded by Councillor Stogdon.

Councillor Lock nominated Councillor Webb as Vice Chair which was seconded by Councillor Stogdon.

Councillor Lock was appointed Chairperson and Councillor Webb as Vice Chair.

**Action: ST to check the constitution regarding appointment of a Vice Chair and report to the next meeting.**

ST

2.1.1 Father David Smith was awarded his NASACRE training certificate.

**Action: The clerk to liaise with the Advisor regarding training opportunities for the group**

Clerk &  
ST

## 3 Circular 1/94

3.1 ST explained to the group that the Circular 1/94 is currently being replaced and asked the members to refer to the presentation attached to the meetings agenda. ST explained that extensive consultation had been carried out between all interested parties in RE.

3.2 ST explained that the Circular 1/94 is in two parts – Collective Worship which will not change at the current time and RE guidance which is currently being re written and SACRE have to respond to by November 2009.

3.3 ST referred the group to the attachment to the agenda which the group worked through each of the specific examples on the attachment raised by Susan.

The group discussed having the examples such as the flexible provision more clearly defined and the differences between the world views and religious beliefs. It was also discussed that the new Agreed Syllabus would have a more positive defined role of Religious Education for East Sussex Schools.

**Decision: the group agreed to use the term Religious Beliefs**

3.4 A question was raised would individual SACRE's want SACRE groups to be monitored and included in the document?

- Yes, the group would like the question raised.

It was discussed that the group wished for the case studies on 6<sup>th</sup> Form provision to continue and wished it to be included in the Agreed Syllabus.

A question was raised if the proposed Academies in East Sussex would use the Agrees Syllabus?

- It was discussed that the academies would need to opt to use the

Agreed Syllabus.

Cllr Webb  
& Cllr  
Stogdon

**Action: Councillor Webb and Councillor Stogdon to raise this item at the next Council meeting.**

3.5 The group discussed the clarification required for section 9.

**Action: ST to complete the RE guidance document consultation to show how East Sussex SACRE has responded. The document will then be circulated to members to view and to use to complete the consultation individually should they wish to do so. The documents would need to be received by QCA is 24<sup>th</sup> July 5pm.**

ST Clerk  
&  
Members

#### 4 Primary Review – Revision & Consultation

4.1 The group were asked to refer to the public consultation on curriculum reform document and the attachment to the agenda. The group worked through each of the specific examples on the attachment raised by Susan and discussed what specific examples they wanted Susan to comment on.

4.2 The group were asked to refer to chapter 1 and the proposed diagram of proposed primary curriculum. This did not refer to RE which the group were concerned about although it was discussed that this could be raised within the Agreed Syllabus.

4.3 **Decision: The group agreed for ST to comment on all the issues that she had raised.**

**Action: ST to complete the Primary Review consultation document consultation to show how East Sussex SACRE has responded. The document will then be circulated to members to view and to use to complete the consultation individually should they wish to do so. The documents would need to be received by QCA is 24<sup>th</sup> July 5pm.**

ST Clerk  
&  
Members

#### 5 Dates for Future Meetings/Speakers for future meetings including Montgomery Trust

5.1 ST informed the group that the speaker for the November meeting would be;

- Dr Bill Gent, Educational Consultant, Bill Gent will discuss the background to collective worship in English schools, what current legislation requires, and the challenges and possibilities that schools are presented with. Bill has taught for fifteen years before then working for 20 years as a local authority school improvement adviser. He edits REsource, the journal of the National Association of Teachers of RE (NATRE) and is an Associate Fellow in the Warwick University Institute of Education's Religions and Education Research Unit.

The speaker for the February 2010 meeting would be;

- Bill Moore, Chair of NASACRE and adviser in Bucks, who will be talking about the responsibilities of SACRE in relation to RE and what is RE.

5.2 Susan discussed with the group the possibility of using the Montgomery Trust Lecturers as speakers for a SACRE meeting in the future. The lecturers have a commitment to take no more than 4 engagements each year and each group or organisation can only have one lecture in a year, they offer their services for free although require their overnight accommodation and travel expenses paid.

**Decision: The group decided to request a visit. The subject of Science & Religion, Religious Literacy & Spirituality, Children & Worship were all suggested as possible options.**

**Action: Susan to approach the trust to request a visit for a future meeting and report at the next meeting.**

ST

#### 6 SACRE budget

6.1 The group viewed the draft budget attached to the meetings agenda the underspend monies were discussed.

**Action: A comprehensive set of accounts to be made available for the**

Clerk, ST

	<b>November meeting.</b>	
	<b>Action: The chair to investigate underspend monies.</b>	<b>Cllr Lock ST</b>
6.2	The Magnet Centre was discussed with possible attending a meeting there to enable the members to view the equipment and items provided by SACRE. Discussion was had on holding a network meeting there for teachers to view the resources. This would require SACRE funding for a room. The centre is only open during school hours.	
6.3	The group discussed the need to pay for teachers cover to continue to attend the meetings. This was discussed at £90 per teacher per meeting.	
	<b>Decision: it was agreed to pay cover expenses for the teachers in Group C and Group A for this meeting.</b>	
	<b>Action; Teachers to request the finance department in their school email the clerk for details of journal transfer for cover.</b>	<b>Teachers</b>
	<b>Action: Clerk to add Budget implication to the agenda for the next meeting.</b>	<b>Clerk, ST</b>
	<b>Action: Advisor to discuss with the finance department a bid for possible extra funding to cover teachers costs.</b>	<b>ST</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Scrutiny Committee Letter</b>	
7.1	ST explained that a letter had been received from the Chair of the Scrutiny Committee. It stated that the Scrutiny Lead Officer had added the topics to their meeting on 13 July 2009 so that a decision could be made on how best the committee could respond.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low numbers of entries for qualifications in Religious Studies</li> <li>• Training that Religious Education teachers have received</li> </ul>	
	<b>Action: The Chair and Advisor to liaise with Gillian Mauger the Scrutiny Lead Officer and respond.</b>	<b>Cllr Lock &amp; ST</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Report on Network Meetings</b>	
8.1	This item was deferred to the next meeting	<b>Clerk, ST</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Development Plan</b>	
9.1	This item was deferred to the next meeting	<b>Clerk, ST</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Youth SACRE</b>	
10.1	This item was deferred to the next meeting	<b>Clerk, ST</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Network Meeting plans</b>	
11.1	This item was deferred to the next meeting	<b>Clerk, ST</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Multifaith Event – this year</b>	
12.1	The group decided that this item had already been covered in earlier discussions	
<b>13</b>	<b>NASACRE AGM</b>	
13.1	This item was deferred to the next meeting	<b>Clerk, ST</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Reports on School visits</b>	
14.1	This item was deferred to the next meeting	<b>Clerk, ST</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Community Directory Update</b>	
15.1	This item was deferred to the next meeting	<b>Clerk, ST</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>SACRE Award</b>	
16.1	The group were confident that all schools that had entered had met the criteria although in different ways. The group discussed if the schools should use these entries as examples of good practice.	

**Decision: the group decided that as only 3 entries were received they would all win £25.00.**

**Decision: The group decided clarity was needed for future years.**

**Action: ST to clarify the criteria for discussion at the next meeting.**

**ST, Clerk**

**17 What is the role of RE in assisting areas of social deprivation?**

17.1 The group briefly discussed the role of SACRE in this item and questioned; is it;

- Passing of exams?
- Making aware the different religions, feelings and emotions?
- How does the role of SACRE evolve with this?

The item was deferred to the next meeting

**Clerk, ST**

**18 Any Other Business**

18.1 There was none

**19 Dates of Next Meetings**

- 12 November Committee Room County Hall
- 25 February 2010 Council Chamber Uckfield Civic Centre
- 17 June 2010 DPB Centre Eastbourne