

East Sussex SACRE AGM & Business Meeting

Thursday 27th June, 2:00pm
– Committee Room, County Hall, Lewes -

Present: Cllr Mike Pursglove, Cllr Trevor Webb, Cllr Mike Blanch, Rev. Derek Bastide, Dr Norman Williamson, Mr Peter White, Dr Tariq Rajbee, Mr Mike Rundle, Ms Foujan Jenner, Mrs Rosemary Roberts, Dr Brenda Vance

Also present: Lilian Weatherley (Advisor to SACRE), Laura Carter (LA Advisor), Julie Stevens (Clerk)

1	AGM	Action
1.1	<p>Welcome and Apologies.</p> <p>Laura Carter (LC) introduced herself and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were noted from: Cllr Roy Galley, Cllr Richard Stogdon, Mrs Pat Lock, Mr Andrew Jervis, Imam Sajid, Ms Jenni Osborn, Mr Martin Lloyd, Mr Peter Ward</p>	
1.2	<p>Election of Chair</p> <p>LC led this item and advised the group that Cllr Galley (absent from the meeting) had offered his services as Chair of the SACRE, LC asked for any other nominations from the Councillors present. Cllr Webb advised that the nomination of Cllr Galley had not come from the Councillors and therefore the Councillors adjourned and discussed nominations for the Chair. Conclusion: Cllr Galley nominated as Chair by the Councillors present and the SACRE members present agreed that Cllr Galley be appointed as Chair.</p>	
1.3	<p>Election of Chairs for each Group</p> <p>Lilian Weatherley (LW) explained that it is good practice for each group within SACRE to have a Chair. The four committees adjourned to discuss. It was agreed that the following were appointed as Chair for their individual group: Other Christian denominations & other Religions – Mr Peter White Representatives of the Church of England – Rev Derek Bastide Representatives of the Teacher Associations – Mr Mike Rundle</p>	
1.4	<p>Election of Vice-Chair</p> <p>It was proposed that as Cllr Trevor Webb was currently Vice-Chair for SACRE that he continues with this role. All SACRE members agreed that Cllr Webb be appointed as Vice-Chair. Cllr Webb welcomed everyone to the meeting and chaired the meeting in the absence of Cllr Galley.</p>	
2	<p>Development Plan</p> <p>LW introduced herself and explained her role as Consultant to SACRE. The development plan was circulated. Peter White (PW) asked if there is any news regarding the new syllabus for 2016? LW circulated the RE draft paper and advised she is attending a conference next week and will expect to know more following this. Clerk to send the full paper to SACRE members. Rosemary Roberts made the comment that there is no input into the Academies. Cllr Blanch asked the question if the development plan can be achieved with</p>	Clerk

	the current resources? This then led on to discussion regarding the SACRE budget.	
2.1	SACRE Budget LC led this item. Cllr Blanch raised the question if there is any provision in the budget for making schools aware of the RE Resources available to them? LC explained that this is covered by the time that LW provides to the SACRE. Currently in the budget are 8 days for LW to carry out work for SACRE and LW is then employed by the SLES team for 2 days. This could be reduced to 7 days for SACRE and 3 days for SLES if the SACRE members preferred. LW's use of time covers the following: Advising SACRE, Newsletters; Conferences; Network meetings; SACRE meetings; RE Courses and updating of materials. It was proposed that the members decide if LW's time be reduced to 7 days for SACRE work or remain at 8 days. Mike Rundle stated he was keen to keep LW for the allocated 8 days and she has been very valuable. A majority decision was made that 8 days of LW's time to continue as a SACRE resource.	
2.2	SACRE Conference LC advised that the conference in 2012 made what it cost and therefore is not showing on the budget and is therefore a traded event. It was recommended that future conferences continue as a traded event. It was suggested that the next SACRE conference be held in March 2014. LW to look into the programme for this.	LW
3	Business Meeting RE View/National Update LW circulated the RE View and gave an overview of the content. The RE Quality Mark leaflet was also circulated. Sponsored walks – Mike Rundle is happy to volunteer to organise a walk.	
4	SACRE Priorities Conference (not to be held on a Friday & avoid major Faith days) Better promotion of SACRE Liaison with schools – best way through network meetings Greater use of RE Resources Library held at County Hall LW to advise SACRE members of dates of networking meetings. Clerk to distribute the list of RE Resources held at County Hall. It was noted that all contributions would be welcomed to the RE Resources Library from SACRE members. Please contact the clerk with any details.	LW Clerk
5	Use of RE Advisor This item was covered within the budget discussion earlier in the meeting.	
6	RE Resources Library – Update on move to County Hall The clerk provided some background to the new members regarding the RE Resource Library now situated at County Hall, Lewes. The clerk advised that interest had been shown in the resources held at County Hall and three teachers had been to borrow items and books from the Library. The clerk will circulate the list of resources to all SACRE members for their information.	Clerk

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	<p>Mike Rundle advised that following the last SACRE meeting held at Seaford Head School (where David Skinner had raised concerns regarding RE within the curriculum), that this had now been reviewed with the Governors and the good news was that it had been decided that RE was to be included back on the curriculum at KS4.</p> <p>LW raised the point that SACRE may like to send a card to Cllr Matthew Lock as a thank you for his contributions as previous Chair of SACRE. This suggestion was agreed. Clerk to ask Cllr Galley if he would do this on behalf of the SACRE group.</p> <p>Rosemary Roberts raised the point that with the SACRE handbook the Ofsted statement needs updating. LW to check this.</p> <p>The venue for the next meeting was suggested as Heathfield Community College. Clerk to ask Alan Powell, Head teacher if this would be OK.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>LW</p> <p>Clerk</p>
	<p>Next Meeting: 26th November 2013; 1:00pm Venue – to be confirmed</p>	

