

East Sussex SACRE

Tuesday 26th November 2013, 1:00pm
Stone Cross School, Eastbourne

Present: Cllr Roy Galley (Chair), Cllr Mike Pursglove, Cllr Richard Stogdon (item 4 onwards), Rev. Derek Bastide, Dr Norman Williamson, Mr Peter White, Dr Tariq Rajbee, Dr Brenda Vance, Deacon Jon Miller, Ms Rebecca Gough, Mr Peter Ward, Mr Martin Lloyd

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

Item		ACTION
1.	Welcome and Apologies. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made around the table. Apologies were noted from: Cllr Trevor Webb, Cllr Mike Blanch, Mrs Pat Lock, Mr Andrew Jervis, Imam Sajid, Ms Jenni Osborn, Ms Foujan Jenner, Ms Jill Bell	
2.	Minutes from the meeting 27th June 2013	
2.1	The minutes were agreed as an accurate account of the last meeting.	
2.2	Matters Arising All action points had been completed. <u>Network meetings</u> One meeting has taken place at Stone Cross School with good attendance. Two further meetings organised, LW will provide feedback at the next meeting.	LW
3.	RE View LW presented this item and drew attention to the paper 'Review of RE in England' which is in line with the new curriculum (copy available from LW if required). LW advised that there is not too much change in the content against the agreed syllabus. <u>Ofsted summary report</u> LW gave details from the main report. There are many issues for Primary and Secondary schools but Primary schools require much more support as there is not always a subject specialist in RE. <u>Message from NASACRE</u> Two briefing papers for secondary and primary schools had been produced for governors; LW will look into this and circulate briefings to SACRE and consider sharing the briefings with governor training services. Sam Vercoe the RE subject leader at Stone Cross school joined the meeting to give feedback from the RE Network meeting recently attended. Sam told the SACRE group that it had been a very helpful meeting and valued the advice of LW. The following points were raised: The biggest challenges faced in teaching RE are subject knowledge, the terminology of different religions, subject issues e.g. dealing with death. Making RE more exciting and interactive.	LW

	<p>The knowledge base that primary school pupils should have reached when leaving primary is a clearer knowledge and understanding of the different religions. The Chair thanked Sam for her attendance and input into the meeting.</p> <p>LW continued and explained the East Sussex RE syllabus is contained in the booklet 'Journey of Discovery' together with Disks 1, 2 and 3. The focus of SACRE is how to monitor the progress of RE within East Sussex, Ofsted no longer inspect RE. Academies continue to work with the local authority and are included in invitations to the RE network meetings.</p>	
4.	SACRE Development Plan	
	<p>It was agreed to adjust the plan on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>The following points were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questionnaire to be sent to RE subject leaders, LC to organise circulation via a VSB. Wording to be provided by LW. • There is nothing in the Plan with regards encouraging more teachers to support RE/SACRE; LW to add something into the questionnaire. • SACRE members to meet staff did not happen due to protocol reasons but SACRE members are welcome to attend network meetings. Dates and venues to be circulated to SACRE. • Induction and training – SACRE handbook and Journey of Discovery to be sent to the Chair. • Support for collective worship – it was agreed that an item on best practice and good ideas regarding prayer and worship to be included at the next SACRE. LW to put something together for the meeting. 	<p>LC/LW</p> <p>LW</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>LW</p>
5.	Conference 2014	
	<p>The date of the conference was agreed as 1st May 2014. The venue to be Deans Place, Alfriston.</p> <p>Alan Brine, Senior HMI to attend as keynote speaker.</p> <p>The following actions to be taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter to be sent to the office of Stephen Lloyd, MP for Eastbourne, inviting him to the conference. • Questionnaire to schools, including a question regarding their preference for the workshops at the conference. • LC/LW to decide on the charge for schools as a contribution towards the conference. 	<p>LW/ Clerk LC</p> <p>LC/LW</p>
6.	How to evaluate agreed syllabus	
	<p>LW has included questions in the questionnaire that is to be circulated to schools.</p> <p>The aim is for subject leaders to come to SACRE meetings when the meeting is being hosted by their school to share RE practices.</p> <p>The Chair suggested that the SACRE group need to put together a list of things that SACRE would like to change, all members are interested in promoting faith and how we can make more of a difference; SACRE to focus on this for the next meeting and all to come along with some ideas.</p> <p>The SACRE membership is lacking in other faiths e.g. Hindu, Buddhist, Orthodox Christian Church; LW to investigate how to 'recruit' members of these faiths and will add a question to the questionnaire to be circulated to see if any teachers specialise in these faiths.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>LW</p>

7.	SACRE Budget Update	
	<p>Laura Carter(LC) gave an overview of the latest situation with the SACRE budget (paper circulated). LC predicts SACRE budget will receive £5k for next financial year. If proceeds of the conference were kept within the budget this would be a great help. LC to resolve the previous issues that were experienced following the last conference.</p>	LC
8.	Any other business	
	<p>Becky Gough (BG) suggested that Claverham Community College may be willing to host the next SACRE meeting in February. BG advised the group of a parent who wished to withdraw his child from Islam studies. The Law states that parents can do this but they have to be responsible for the RE materials provided for the child. The school were unable to amend the GCSE for this child to study Christianity and Judaism but would provide books on Judaism for the parents to use.</p>	
	<p>Dates of future meetings: 26th February 2014; 1:30pm – venue to be confirmed 25th June 2014 (AGM); 1:30pm County Hall, Lewes</p>	

