

**East Sussex SACRE**  
**Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2013**  
**Seaford Head School, Seaford**



**Present** Cllr Matthew Lock (Chair), Cllr Pat Rodohan, Mr Kevin Fossey, Mr Peter White, Dr Norman Williamson, Mrs Rosemary Roberts, Ms Becky Gough, Mr Andrew Jervis, Ms Foujan Jenner, Mr Peter Ward, Ms Jill Bell

**Also Attended** Julie Stevens (Clerk), Lilian Weatherley (Advisor to SACRE), Mr David Skinner (Seaford Head School)

**1 Welcome and Introductions**

**ACTIONS**

1.1 Councillor Lock (CL) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

A special welcome was given to new members to the group:

- Ms Foujan Jenner representing the Baha'i Faith Community
- Mrs Rosemary Roberts, representing the Church of England

David Skinner, Head of RS at Seaford Head School was also welcomed.

1.2 **Apologies had been received from:** Cllr Trevor Webb, Cllr Richard Stogdon, Cllr Brian Gadd, Ms Laura Carter, Dr Brenda Vance, Dr Tariq Rajbee, Mrs Pat Lock, Ms Jenni Osborn, Rev Derek Bastide, Mr John Ross, Mr Martin Lloyd, Mr John Court, Mr Mike Rundle, Deacon Jon Miller, Mr George Jelliss

1.3 **Reflection**

The Chair introduced Mr Kevin Fossey to lead the Reflection and said how sensational it had been to listen to Kevin at the conference and it had been very inspirational for everyone. The Chair thanked Kevin for everything he had done for SACRE.

Reflection was led by Mr Kevin Fossey and was titled 'Big Questions'. Kevin had done his first teaching practice at Seaford Head School 42 years ago. A handout was circulated to the group containing thought provoking questions from Primary children over the years.

Kevin thanked everyone for their good wishes as this was his last SACRE meeting due to illness.

**2 Minutes from previous meeting – 21<sup>st</sup> November 2012**

2.1 **Matters arising**

*Correction to 3.1 –*

Mr Kevin Fossey was absent from the afternoon of the conference but was there in the morning.

2.2 *Item 4 –*

*The Chair asked Mr John Court (JC) to put together some wording for a proposal that could be put forward at either the next SACRE meeting or at the AGM. LW to check Rules.*

LW had checked the Rules and sent some information to JC but unfortunately JC was absent from the meeting today. This item to be carried over to next meeting.

**Clerk**

2.3 *Item 5 –*

*SACRE Budget*

The Chair advised the group that no budget figures were available for today's meeting as Laura Carter is currently working on the budget and a full report would be available at the next meeting.

LW confirmed that the funds for the conference had gone into the budget.

2.4 *Item 7 –*

*Booklet for new SACRE members to be sent out*

Clerk to send booklets.

**Clerk**

2.5 *Item 9 –*

*Questionnaire from Stephen Lloyd – Members agreed that LW put together a response on behalf of SACRE. LW will email to members for any comments.*

LW confirmed that no significant changes were made and the form had been sent

**No other matters arising from previous minutes.**

**The Chair confirmed the minutes were accurate.**

**3 David Skinner – Head of RS at Seaford Head School**

3.1 Mr David Skinner (DS) gave an overview of the work within RS at Seaford Head School. The following points were noted:

- The subject has a strong standing in the school and is called the Department of Ethics
- It is a discreet subject in Key Stage 3
- Years 7 and 8 focus on 5 major world religions including Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism
- Year 9 start the GCSE course
- Life issues and morality units are included
- Key stage 4 is largely ethics based and focus on Christianity and Hinduism
- Last year 99 students completed the GCSE course and 83% of the students achieved grades A\* to C

DS raised the concern that in the academic year 2013/14 there is a challenge being faced in RE; the school will be expected to deliver RE within one year (Year 9). It is understood that this will be reviewed after one year.

Rosemary Roberts (RR) stated that the majority of students at Year 9 do not have the maturity for GCSE until Year 11 and will not achieve in the same way.

DS agreed with this comment, students do not develop and mature at this stage.

Peter Ward (PW) thanked DS for presenting to the group. PW suggested looking at the NATRE survey which collects information regarding short and long course GCSE's.

**4 RE View**

Lilian Weatherley (LW) gave an overview of the RE View (copy on Czone)

The following points were noted:

RE Quality Mark

Andrew Jervis (AJ) commented that the cost to apply of £475.00 is very high, especially for a small Primary school budget. LW agreed to raise this with the organisers. **LW**

Art in Heaven

Are now accepting submissions and LW will send out some information to SACRE Group **LW**

**5 SACRE Development Plan**

It was agreed that a working group is needed to re-do the development plan and set new goals. This is a project for after the June meeting, at the meeting in June the Chair will ask for volunteers to join the working group.

**ACTION:** Committee members to write development Plan following June meeting **Chair**

**6 Protocol for SACRE Members visiting Schools**

LW gave an overview of the protocol for SACRE members visiting schools.

The following points were agreed:

The first paragraph should read – *A critical aspect of SACRE's work is its partnership with schools. At times, SACRE members will have the opportunity to visit schools as an observer.*

The final part of the form should not include a reason for visit as SACRE members should only visit as observers.

LW to amend the paper.

**LW**

**7 RE Resources Library – Update on move to County Hall**

LW and Clerk gave an update on the move of the RE resources library from the Magnet Centre to County Hall.

The RE resource library is now being stored in a small area at County Hall. There is information on the ESCC website for schools explaining how they can borrow items from the library together with a list of the items available.

LW raised the point that we have several videos included in the resources and it would be useful if they could be converted into DVD's. Andrew Jervis said he might be able to copy onto DVDs

The clerk will monitor how many requests are received for items.

**Clerk**

**8 A.O.B.**

No other business was raised.

**Next Meeting**

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2013 (AGM) Meeting to start at 2pm; AGM to run 4-5pm  
Committee Room, County Hall, Lewes

