

# East Sussex SACRE

## Notes of the meeting

**Date:** Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016  
**Venue:** St Leonard's C of E Primary Academy  
**Chairman:** Councillor Roy Galley  
**Clerk:** Julie Stevens  
**Present:** Cllr Roy Galley, Mr Peter White, Cllr Mike Pursglove, Cllr Pat Rodohan, Cllr Trevor Webb, Dr Brenda Vance, Dr Norman Williamson, Ms Kelly Dillon, Mrs Sarah Feist, Ms Jenni Osborn, Mrs Rosemary Roberts, Miss Becky Gough

**Also present:** Alistair Robertson (Humanist Observer), Lilian Weatherley (Advisor to SACRE), Julie Dougill (LA Advisor), Julie Stevens (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Dr Tariq Rajbee, Mrs Pamela Hartog, Rev Derek Bastide, Ms Laura Cooper, Cllr Richard Stogdon, Mr Mike Rundle, Mr Lewis Hall, Dr Taleb Durgahee

Item	Title	Action
1	<p><b>Welcome &amp; Introduction from St Leonard's Primary Academy</b>  <i>Marie Burgess &amp; Samantha Read</i></p> <p>The Headteacher welcomed everyone and gave a brief background to the school. The school had been placed into Special Measures when she arrived as Deputy Head 4 years ago. Very slowly simple things were introduced across the school to enhance the Christian ethos of the school, for example Christian collective worship. Values were gradually embedded into the school, for example responsibility and perseverance.</p> <p>Samantha Read, the RE subject leader gave a brief overview of the teaching of RE at the school and circulated some examples of the pupil's work.</p>	
2	<p><b>Welcome &amp; apologies</b>  <i>Cllr Galley</i></p> <p>Cllr Galley welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted by the Clerk.</p>	
3	<p><b>Minutes of the meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016 &amp; Matters Arising</b>  <i>Cllr Galley</i></p>	
3.1	<p><u>Item 3</u> – the Faith and Belief Guide has now been completed and the Clerk will circulate copies of the discs to SACRE members.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
3.2	<p><u>Item 6</u> – Training dates once agreed, will be sent to SACRE members.</p>	<b>JD Cllr</b>
3.3	<p><u>Item 7</u> – A submission to the new Commission on religious Education will be made by Cllr Galley and LW.</p>	<b>G/ LW</b>
3.4	<p><u>AOB – Priory School</u>  LW updated the meeting that Priory School had received a letter from NATRE as their website does not meet with statutory requirements regarding RE. LW and JD are meeting the RE Subject Leader (Paul Holt) to discuss and offer support.</p> <p>The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.</p>	

<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>4.1</b></p> <p><b>4.2</b></p> <p><b>4.3</b></p>	<p><b>Update on RE Conference &amp; Understanding Christianity</b> <i>Lilian Weatherley</i></p> <p>The conference has been postponed from 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and the new date is now 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and will be held at Dean's Place Hotel in Alfriston. Due to a huge impact of the introduction of Understanding Christianity in schools, people were not signing up for the conference and it was also proving very difficult to secure workshop leaders.</p> <p>At the March conference we aim to have workshops on Understanding Christianity and Understanding Judaism and will use the conference as one day of training for Understanding Christianity for the teachers. The revised Agreed Syllabus will also be launched at the conference. Ann Holt from the Chichester Diocese has agreed to be the Keynote speaker.</p> <p>The resources for Understanding Christianity consist of a huge pack of information at a cost of £50 for schools. The content is based on the key concepts, which East Sussex has already included in their syllabus.</p> <p>Once the conference has been advertised on the Training Events website, instructions will be sent to SACRE members on how to register for the conference.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>RE Syllabus Update</b> <i>Lilian Weatherley</i></p> <p>The last RE Syllabus Conference was held in September 2016. The final meeting is to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017 to re-write some of the areas of the syllabus. It was agreed that Disc 3 is to be included in the revised document. The short course needs to be included and made clear that this option is there for students. Details of the January meeting to be emailed to SACRE members.</p> <p>The final version of the syllabus will be presented to the SACRE meeting in February.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>6.1</b></p> <p><b>6.2</b></p> <p><b>6.3</b></p>	<p><b>School visit updates</b> <i>Cllr Galley</i></p> <p>All but two of our secondary maintained schools have been visited by SACRE members. A report on the school visits will be presented to the SACRE meeting in February.</p> <p>It was agreed that LW will check all of the maintained secondary school's websites to make sure they are compliant regarding RE.</p> <p><u>Academies</u> It will be difficult to get in to visit the academies, JD suggested their websites could be checked and any concerns about an Academy would need to be referred to the Regional School Commissioner via the relevant AD at ESCC.</p> <p><u>Primary Schools</u> The next phase for SACRE school visits could be primary schools. One suggestion was to target those schools who had not attended any RE training. It was suggested to start with a visit to an outstanding school and then visit the other schools.</p> <p>Programme of visits to be discussed at the SACRE meeting in February.</p>	<p><b>LW</b></p> <p><b>LW</b></p>

<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>RE View</b> <i>Lilian Weatherley</i></p> <p><b>7.1</b></p> <p><b>7.2</b></p> <p><b>7.3</b></p>	<p>Clerk to circulate the REView to all schools.</p> <p>LW confirmed that the title of the conference will be 'Continuing the Journey'.</p> <p>JD to investigate the Hansard news with our Finance team: <i>'Local authorities currently receive funding through the Education Services Grant to support Standing Advisory Councils for Religious Education (SACREs to develop an agreed syllabus for religious education). Local authorities will continue to receive funding to develop an agreed syllabus for RE once the Education Services Grant has been removed'.</i></p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>JD</b></p>
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>Budget Update</b> <i>Julie Dougill</i></p> <p>JD circulated details of the SACRE budget showing details of income and expenditure to date.</p>	
<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>9.1</b></p> <p><b>9.2</b></p> <p><b>9.3</b></p> <p><b>9.4</b></p> <p><b>9.5</b></p> <p><b>9.6</b></p>	<p><b>AOB</b> <i>Cllr Galley</i></p> <p>Cllr Galley advised that the meeting of the Youth Cabinet has now been postponed from Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November. At the re-arranged meeting Cllr Galley will speak to the Youth Cabinet about RE and ask for their opinions on this subject.</p> <p>We have received an application form for the Accord Inclusivity Award and it was agreed that East Sussex will submit an application for this.</p> <p>Alistair Robertson will let the clerk have details of a possible Baha'i rep for SACRE.</p> <p>Cllr Galley advised the meeting that Becky Gough will be leaving SACRE as she has a new teaching post at a school in Surrey. Everyone wished Becky well and said that she would be greatly missed. Becky will send details of a possible replacement to the Clerk.</p> <p>LW added a final point that to get a speaker for the 2017 conference from NATRE or RE Today would cost £1,000.</p> <p>Cllr Webb advised that he may know of a member of the Greek Orthodox Church that is interested in joining the East Sussex SACRE. Cllr Webb will liaise with Cllr Galley regarding this.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 3.20pm.</p>	
<p><b>Date of the next meeting (to include AGM): Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017</b></p> <p><b>Venue: Chairman's Function Room, Westfield House, County Hall BN7 1UE</b></p>		