

East Sussex SACRE

Notes of the meeting

Date: Tuesday 20th February 2018

Venue: Room WH2, Westfield House

Chairman: Councillor Roy Galley

Clerk: Julie Stevens

Present: Cllr Roy Galley, Mr Peter White, Cllr Philip Daniel, Cllr Colin Belsey, Cllr Richard Stogdon, Dr Brenda Vance, Mrs Rosemary Roberts, Ms Elizabeth Coleman, Ms Mandy Watson, Mrs Sarah Feist, Mrs Laura Cooper, Dr Mark Bishop

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

Apologies: Mrs Pam Hartog, Dr Tariq Rajbee, Mr Mike Rundle, Mr Craig Austen-White, Ms Kayleigh Lambert, Cllr Trevor Webb, Dr Norman Williamson

Item	Title	Action
1	Welcome & Introductions Cllr Galley welcomed everyone present to the meeting and introductions were made around the table. Apologies were noted by the Clerk. Alistair Robertson was asked to leave the room whilst the committee elections took place.	
2	Election of Chair of Vice Chair 2.1 Jacky Cross (JC) requested nominations for the post of Chair to SACRE. Cllr Stogdon nominated Cllr Galley which was seconded by Mrs Rosemary Roberts. It was unanimously agreed that Cllr Galley would continue for a further 12 months as the Chair person for the East Sussex SACRE. 2.2 JC requested nominations for the post of Vice-Chair to SACRE. Cllr Galley nominated Mr Peter White which was seconded by Dr Brenda Vance. It was unanimously agreed that Mr Peter White would continue for a further 12 months as the Vice-Chair for the East Sussex SACRE.	
3	Election of Chairs for the other 4 committees 3.1 <u>Church of England</u> Ms Mandy Watson nominated Mrs Rosemary Roberts as Chair of the Church of England Committee. This nomination was accepted by Rosemary. 3.2 <u>Other Christian denominations & other religions</u> Dr Brenda Vance volunteered to take this position. This was unanimously agreed. 3.3 <u>Teachers Associations</u> Mrs Laura Cooper volunteered to take this position in the absence of any other Teacher representatives.	

3.4	<u>Local Authority representatives</u> The County Councillors agreed that Cllr Galley would be Chair of the Local Authority representatives.	
3.5	Cllr Galley welcomed Dr Mark Bishop to the Committee as our new representative for the Buddhist community. The Clerk will send the new members booklet to Dr Bishop.	Clerk
3.6	Cllr Daniel asked if the status of the Humanist observer on the committee could be discussed at a future meeting. Cllr Galley agreed this can be on a future agenda, this would mean each of the 4 committees within SACRE would have to meet to agree a decision whether a Humanist representative could become a full member of the SACRE. Clerk to check the constitution of the East Sussex SACRE regarding the membership of a representative from the Humanist community.	Clerk
3.7	<u>SACRE vacancies</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Galley asked Cllr Belsey if he knew of any contacts who would be interested in joining the SACRE. - Brenda Vance will enquire if any Methodist representatives would like to join the committee. - Sarah Feist will follow up around the vacancy for a Salvation Army representative and will also approach a Muslim colleague to join us . - Peter White to ask his retired NASUWT colleagues if they can spread the word that we are looking for a representative on SACRE. - Lilian will enquire regarding a Quaker representative. - Cllr Galley will approach someone to become an Academy representative. 	All
4	Budget Update	
4.1	JC gave an overview of the latest situation with the SACRE budget. JC advised that a request for an extra £2,500 had been agreed by Elizabeth Funge, Head of Education Improvement, and had been added as a supplement to the budget. Substantial costs are allocated for the RE Adviser to SACRE and the number of days we can utilise this service has been increased.	
4.2	The cost for the RE Conference has now been reduced to £50 for a half day event. Depending on the numbers attending the conference, this will vary the budget.	
4.3	Cllr Galley referred to the local government funding received from the Department for Education for SACRE's as the amount provided to SACRE's varies greatly across the local authorities. Cllr Galley asked the committee if he should do further research into the amount we receive at East Sussex. Cllr Galley confirmed he would raise this subject at the next meeting of NASACRE and clarify this position at the next meeting of the East Sussex SACRE.	Cllr Galley
4.4	Cllr Daniel asked if this funding was part of the Revenue Support Grant. LW responded that Nick Gibb, Minister of State for Schools, has stated that the funds for SACRE's are statutory.	

5	Disclosures of interest There were no declarations of interest.	
6	Urgent items There were no urgent items raised	
7	Minutes of the meeting 15 November 2017 & Matters Arising	
7.1	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.	
7.2	<u>Matters arising</u> 5.4 It was suggested by one RE Lead at a school visited that it would be useful to have a list of contacts that could offer to lead collective worship in the schools and is happy to give support/talks on the different faiths.	
7.3	Following the school visits it has become clear that the schools would appreciate suitable speakers from different faiths to go into the schools to offer support, in particular with Buddhism and Islam.	
7.4	Cllr Belsey will enquire with his church for any volunteers.	Cllr Belsey
7.5	Guidance for these visits is yet to be devised and agreed by the SACRE. Cllr Galley and LW will discuss this further.	Cllr Galley/ LW
7.6	Cllr Galley asked that all of the SACRE members send nominations of speakers to the Clerk.	All
7.7	<u>SACRE Training</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Galley asked the committee if any members needed any training on the following: - Role of SACRE and its statutory powers - Explanation of Voluntary controlled and Voluntary aided schools - Role of the Diocese - National SACRE committees - Where the local SACRE fits in with the National picture 	
7.8	A two hour session to be arranged to discuss these points.	Clerk
8	NASACRE Subscription	
8.1	It was agreed to accept the increase in the annual subscription to NASCRE from £95.00 to £105.00.	
8.2	LW stated that NASACRE are looking for a Vice-Chair and suggested that Cllr Galley be nominated for this role. Cllr Galley agreed he is happy for this to be put forward and asked that the Clerk contact NASACRE.	Clerk

9	Annual Report/CS Scrutiny Report	
9.1	The Annual Report was agreed. This will be sent to NASACRE after the Scrutiny Committee on 2 nd March 2018.	Clerk
9.2	Cllr Galley circulated some data from Deborah Weston of NATRE concerning the total of hours recorded for the teaching of RE in our secondary schools. LW will cross-check this data against the exam results. The data is quite alarming as it indicates that the schools are not providing the required hours of teaching for RE. 5% of curriculum time should be spent on teaching.	LW
9.3	<u>Development Plan</u> A discussion to set the development plan for the next three years 2018 – 2021 will be held on the morning of 19 th June – prior to the SACRE meeting. The clerk will email details to the SACRE members.	Clerk
10	Secondary School visits	
10.1	Cllr Galley advised that there are a number of schools that are not engaging with us. Discussion followed around ideas how to get the schools together to discuss the theme of the statutory requirement for the teaching of RE.	
10.2	Cllr Belsey put forward an idea that Cllr Galley speak to the Lead Member for Education and he has the right to go to the Minister for Schools with this subject. Cllr Galley to action this.	Cllr Galley
10.3	It was also suggested around the table that all secondary Heads get together for an hour so those who are achieving in the teaching of RE can give some guidance to those that are not achieving the required hours of RE.	
10.4	Cllr Galley will arrange to contact the Chairs of Governors of the schools causing concern and copy this communication to the Head teacher.	Cllr Galley
10.5	It was agreed that it is important to give a ‘well done’ to those schools that are doing well.	
11	Primary School Visits	
11.1	There is currently one Primary School visit arranged.	
11.2	Cllr Galley will write to the Chairs of Governors of those schools that have not responded regarding a visit.	Cllr Galley
11.3	It was agreed that some guidance for Primary schools should be provided as to what should be on their website. It would be helpful to signpost them towards examples of good practice.	
12	Youth Conference	

12.1	LW advised that the feedback from the secondary hub was that the Head teachers are not keen to let the students and teachers out of school. LW will ask Craig Austen-White to raise this again at the next secondary hub.	LW
12.2	Cllr Belsey will enquire with the Kings Centre to see if this can be used as a venue.	Cllr Belsey
13	RE View	
13.1	Clerk to circulate this to all schools	Clerk
13.2	<u>Update on RE Conference 21st March 2018</u> The conference is now a half day event on the morning of 21 st March being held at the Wellshurst Golf Club. Currently 17 people have signed up for the conference. Members of SACRE are welcome to attend at a cost of £25. SACRE members to contact the clerk directly to arrange the bookings.	All
13.3	Cllr Galley to invite the Lord Lieutenant to open the conference.	Cllr Galley
14	Any other business No further business was raised. The meeting closed at 15.55.	
	Date of the next meeting : 19th June 2018 @ 2.00pm Venue: County Hall, Room Centre 2F (Priory)	