

East Sussex SACRE

Notes of the meeting

Date: Tuesday 22 June 2021
Venue: Via Microsoft Teams
Chairman: Councillor Roy Galley
Clerk: Julie Stevens
SACRE members present: Cllr Roy Galley, Cllr Colin Belsey, Cllr Tom Liddiard, Peter White, Rosemary Roberts, Dr Brenda Vance, Dr Norman Williamson, Liz Coleman, Jon Gilbert, Anna Flood, Barry Blakelock, Tim Telford, Laura Cooper,

Also present: Carrie Beech (CB), Julie Stevens (Clerk), Claire Ramalli (CRa), Claire Rivers (CRi), Claire Roberts

Apologies: Pamela Hartog

Item	Title	Action
1	Welcome/ Introductions & Apologies	
1.1	Cllr Galley welcomed everyone present at the meeting. Special welcome was given to Cllr Liddiard and Jon Gilbert as new members of SACRE. Claire Roberts from the local authority was attending as an observer.	
1.2	Apologies were noted by the Clerk.	
1.3	There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.	
2	Election of Chair & Vice-Chair	
2.1	CB led on this item. Following conversations with Democratic Services it had been agreed to look at revising the constitution of SACRE. We will therefore conduct a formal AGM in November 2021 and review the constitution at that meeting. Following the County Council elections, SACRE must re-affirm the position of Chair and Vice-Chair for a further four years.	
2.2	Cllr Belsey moved Cllr Galley as Chair. This was seconded by Mr Peter White.	
2.3	No other nominations were put forward for Chair, voting was unanimous therefore the motion was carried that Cllr Galley will continue as Chair of the East Sussex SACRE.	
2.4	Cllr Belsey moved Peter White as Vice-Chair. This was seconded by Dr Norman Williamson.	
2.5	No other nominations were put forward for Vice-Chair, voting was unanimous therefore the motion was carried that Peter White will continue as Vice-Chair of the East Sussex SACRE.	
3	Minutes of meeting 16 March 2021	
3.1	The minutes of the last SACRE business meeting held on 16 March 2021 were agreed as accurate.	

<p>3.2</p>	<p>Matters arising 4.2 – Special Schools will be added to our contacts for RE leaders. 4.5 – School visits programme: not yet taken forward. Action to be carried forward. 5.6 – Additional funding of £15k had been agreed for ES SACRE over the next 2 years. 9.2 - Contact with school governors: arrange for sessions CoG's / RE Leads to present. CB to take forward. 10.2 – Youth Cabinet details provided: CB will take forward. 10.3 – Look at World Views in greater depth at November meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk CB</p> <p>CB CB CB</p>
<p>4</p> <p>4.1</p> <p>4.2</p> <p>4.3</p>	<p>Updates from Schools Working Group/Network meetings & CPD</p> <p>Secondary hub Claire Ramalli updated the meeting. A training session had taken place last month with Lat Blaylock; this focussed on Hinduism, attended by 4 schools (Claverham had a whole department attend). A second training session is being held 23 June focussing on Sikhism with 9 schools attending. A training session will be held on 1 July focussing on support for non-specialist RE teachers in the county. Followed by a session on Buddhism and Christianity for KS3. A third session is planned for Philosophy for children. These sessions are available for all East Sussex RE teachers.</p> <p>Peter White advised of Teach:RE Primary – an introduction: a 12-hour FREE self-study course for Primary Teachers who find themselves teaching RE with no background or training. Can be found via the following link: https://www.teachre.co.uk/teach-re-course/teachre-primary/</p> <p>Primary networks Claire Rivers updated the meeting. The last network meeting was held at the end of March with Lat Blaylock and had over 100 attendees. Excellent evaluations were received following the session. A training session is arranged for today with Lat Blaylock 'Imagine, think and express yourself'. The primary network has grown over the last year and has become a very valuable resource. Going forward, people would like more on assessment and world views.</p>	
<p>5</p> <p>5.1</p> <p>5.2</p>	<p>Feedback from Agreed Syllabus consultations</p> <p>CB explained the official procedure for the process of reviewing the Agreed RE Syllabus: September 2021 – Launch an Agreed Syllabus Conference. January 2022 – Agreed Syllabus Conference to present the final syllabus. Spring 2022 – Launch events. September 2022 – Schools start to use new Syllabus.</p> <p>CB and BB talked through a presentation on the feedback from the Agreed Syllabus consultations held with teachers. Slides will be circulated with these minutes. Syllabus options have been discussed previously amongst SACRE colleagues at the meeting on 16 March. From the teacher consultations Model B – RE Today – came out far more strongly than the Hampshire model. Discussion followed.</p>	

<p>5.3</p>	<p>Key things our schools want from the new Syllabus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – A syllabus that is engaging, inclusive and responds to current world contexts and views – Support for delivery and upskilling non-specialist teachers – almost all teachers in primary are non-specialists – Clear pedagogical framework to support teaching and learning – Integrates with Understanding Christianity used by Church schools – A programme of study at KS4 that offers a viable alternative to a qualification route – Greater support needed for non-examined Key Stage 4 especially for non-specialists – Any non-examined KS4 course should offer possible progression onto KS5 courses – Preference for thematic teaching rather than unitised by religion – Issues rather than festivals – Focus on knowledge and skills that build coherently throughout the programme of study 	
<p>5.4</p>	<p>Cllr Galley agreed that we should proceed with the RE Today Syllabus and launch a formal Agreed Syllabus Conference in September. CB to take this forward.</p>	<p>CB</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Budget Update</p> <p>6.1 CB updated the meeting on the current position of the SACRE budget.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - £15,000 for next 2 years had been agreed by the local authority for SACRE to use for the work with the Agreed Syllabus review. - £2,000 was remaining from last year’s budget, this is being held by St Mark’s Teaching School for CPD purposes. - A budget update report was circulated to SACRE members prior to the meeting. <p>6.2 Cllr Galley updated the meeting on feedback from NASACRE.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – National funding information: NASACRE received a huge amount of information from the FOI request to local authorities. – Discussion is taking place around World Views. – The NASCRE virtual conference was very successful. A summary of the conference is available if required. – There is further work taking place around simplifying SACRE annual reports, NASACRE will be employing someone to look at trend information. 	
<p>7</p>	<p>Ofsted Research Report on RE</p> <p>7.1 CB led on this item. The report had been circulated to SACRE member prior to the meeting. CB advised that this is a significant piece of work that SACRE will return to in the Autumn.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – A substantial report focussed on the teaching of RE. – This would be a useful item to refer to school governors when we meet with them. – Some slides could be put together for the network meetings. 	<p>CB</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (standing item)</p>	

8.1	CB confirmed that in the discussion around the review of the Agreed Syllabus and the feedback from the school consultations it was acknowledged that there is the need for our new Agreed Syllabus to acknowledge and agree the diverse global society. Also the Ofsted Research Report on RE acknowledges this.	
9	AOB	
9.1	No items were raised.	
	<p>Date of the next meeting: 23 November 2021 at 2.00pm</p> <p>Venue: tbc</p>	