

East Sussex SACRE

Notes of the meeting

Date: Tuesday 23 November 2021
Venue: Centre 2F / Microsoft Teams
Chairman: Councillor Roy Galley
Clerk: Julie Stevens
SACRE members present: Cllr Roy Galley, Cllr Colin Belsey, Peter White (PW), Rosemary Roberts (RR), Dr Norman Williamson (NW), Liz Coleman (EC), Jon Gilbert (JG), Anna Flood (AF), Barry Blakelock (BB), Tim Telford, Laura Cooper (LC)

Also present: Julie Stevens (JS) (Clerk), Claire Ramalli (CRa), Claire Rivers (CRi)

Apologies: Cllr Liddiard, Pamela Hartog, Tariq Rajbee, Brenda Vance, Carrie Beech

Item	Title	Action
1	Welcome/ Introductions & Apologies	
1.1	Cllr Galley welcomed everyone present at the meeting. Apologies were noted by the Clerk.	
1.2	There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.	
2	Minutes of meeting 22 June 2021	
2.1	The minutes of the last SACRE business meeting held on 22 June 2021 were agreed as accurate.	
2.2	Matters arising 2.1 The formal AGM will be held at the March meeting 2022. SACRE had already agreed that the Chair and Vice-Chair would continue for a 4-year term.	
3	Updates from Schools Working Group/Network meetings & CPD	
3.1	BB advised that the action from the ASC on 21 September regarding speaking to parents and students re the new Syllabus has not yet been actioned. This will be completed in time for the ASC being held on 5 January 2022.	BB
3.2	CRa updated the meeting on the Secondary Hub. Rachel Jensen, Head of RE at Ratton is now leading the Secondary Hub. The hub met remotely in October. The hub was advised that we are going with the RE Today model for the new syllabus. Stephen Pett has emailed some titles of units to the hub members to help with planning for next term.	
3.3	CRa is in contact with Stephen Pett re the syllabus launch date of 29 March 2022, 09.15 – 15.30, this event will be held remotely to allow for more attendees. The plan is to run a primary and secondary session together in the morning and then separate primary and secondary groups in the afternoon.	

<p>3.4</p> <p>3.5</p> <p>3.6</p> <p>3.7</p>	<p>Cllr Galley asked if Stephen Pett could send the full content of the units to the hub members? This would give the opportunity for any comments. CRa confirmed she would contact Stephen.</p> <p>PW asked for an update on the situation with the KS4 element of the syllabus. CRa advised that we will still encourage schools to opt for GCSE, and confirmed she is in dialogue with Stephen Pett to develop the KS4 unit alongside the Agreed Syllabus. The core curriculum will be ready for the launch.</p> <p>CRi updated the meeting on the Primary Network meetings. A network meeting was held on 29 September with 37 attendees; Ruth Flanagan spoke on World Views and received very positive feedback. Ruth Flanagan will be attending a primary network meeting again on January 26 to lead on a session on RE and Research.</p> <p>CRi advised that she had been contacted by some maintained schools and academies to ask if they need to follow the agreed syllabus as they had signed up for Discovery RE; CRi has sent the legal requirements to the schools. CRi has also updated the Primary Board with regards to the Agreed Syllabus.</p>	<p>CRa</p>
<p>4</p> <p>4.1</p> <p>4.2</p> <p>4.3</p>	<p>Feedback from World Views, NASACRE on-line training session</p> <p>Cllr Galley led on this item. The NASACRE training sessions were working extremely well due to remote working. Ruth Flanagan had spoken at the NASACRE session on 10 November re World Views. Cllr Galley gave his opinion that World Views is a fascinating subject but is not convinced that this is RE and worries that the understanding of religion will be 'watered down'.</p> <p>Discussion and debate amongst the group followed, the key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) EC – Perhaps we should have religion as the focus but embrace others that do not have a religion. (ii) BB – Worldviews allows children to understand the relevance of RE and has his support. (iii) CRi – Worldviews does not undermine faiths; it is very much centred around debate and discussion to make things relevant to students. (iv) NW – We need to be careful in limiting the teaching of religion to children; we must be open to other ideas and let people have the freedom to make their own minds up. All religions are inter-linked. (v) RR – We should be trying to help children understand what they believe; Worldviews seems a bit “woolly”. (vi) PW – Finds the concept of Worldviews confusing. We need a much more informed decision. (vii) Rev JS – RE works best in a philosophical/ethical way, if Worldviews are also using deep questions then that is fine. (viii) JG – From a primary HT point of view, humanism is becoming more of a force. (ix) AF – In our catholic schools we have a very prescriptive curriculum and is currently being looked at the Bishop’s conference to link with Worldviews. <p>Clerk will circulate the Ruth Flanagan presentation to SACRE.</p>	<p>JS</p>

5	Development Plan	
5.1	Cllr Galley led on this item. The Development Plan had been circulated to the group prior to the meeting.	
5.2	Each item was discussed, and the RAG ratings will be amended by the clerk.	JS
6	Budget Plan	
6.1	Cllr Galley led on this item. A budget paper had been circulated to the group prior to the meeting.	
6.2	SACRE agreed the budget plan.	
6.3	SACRE agreed the ongoing support package from RE Today would be helpful from next financial year. CB to take forward.	CB
7	Ofsted Research Report on RE	
7.1	CRa presented some slides to the meeting. The Clerk will circulate these to the group following the meeting.	JS
8	Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (standing item)	
8.1	PW commented that the East Sussex SACRE is still not very representative of a wide range of religions.	
8.2	Cllr Galley suggested that Alistair Robertson, our previous observer from the humanist society be contacted to see if he is still interested in attending SACRE.	JS
9	AOB	
9.1	The next meeting of the Agreed Syllabus Conference is on 5 January 2022, this will be held via MS Teams only. BB will produce the agenda.	BB
Date of the next business meeting: Wednesday 16 March 2022 @ 2.00pm		
Venue: County Hall & MS Teams		