

## East Sussex SACRE

### Notes of the meeting

**Date:** Thursday 2 March 2023  
**Venue:** Centre 2F / Microsoft Teams  
**Chairperson:** Councillor Roy Galley  
**Clerk:** Julie Stevens  
**SACRE members present:** Cllr Roy Galley, Cllr Colin Belsey (CB), Cllr Steve Murphy, Cllr Abul Azad, Peter White, Rosemary Roberts (RR), Claire Rivers (CRi), Dr Norman Williamson, Jon Gilbert, Pamela Hartog  
  
**Also present:** Barry Blakelock (BB), Claire Ramalli (CRa)  
  
**Apologies:** Rev Jeremy Sykes, Laura Cooper, Anna Flood, Sam Keddie, Helen Key, Kirsty Eydmann; Elizabeth Coleman

Item	AGM	Action
1	<b>Welcome/ Introductions &amp; Apologies</b>	
1.1	Cllr Galley welcomed everyone present at the meeting, introductions were made.  Apologies were noted.	
1.2	There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.	
2	<b>SACRE Annual Report</b>	
2.1	BB presented the two versions of the Annual Report - one which will be presented to the People Scrutiny Committee on 16 March and one which is the public facing version.	
2.2	The annual report was agreed subject to a couple of small amendments.	
3	<b>Budget Update</b>	
3.1	BB presented the paper showing a balanced budget for the year. Next financial year SACRE will again receive £15,000 as their budget, due to the commitment with RE Today. The following year the budget will be reduced to £7,500.	
3.2	There will be pressures next financial year keeping within the £15,000 budget with the delivery of ongoing training for the Agreed Syllabus and preparing for the reduction in budget for the following year.	
3.3	Work is being undertaken for a Special Schools' network and also work is to be done around Collective Worship. The pupil conference will not materialise as there are no funds available. In order to meet the budget needs the allocation of days for special advisors and network leads are being reviewed.	
3.4	Cllrs Galley and Belsey will take the matter of the SACRE budget up with colleagues to see if an increased budget can be agreed. <b>ACTION: Cllr Galley and Cllr Belsey</b>	Cllr Galley/ Cllr Belsey
	<b>Business Meeting</b>	
4	<b>My World, My Faith - Judaism</b>	
4.1	Pamela Hartog spoke about the Jewish faith and their festivals/beliefs.	

5	<b>Minutes of meeting 17 November 2022</b>	
5.1	The minutes of the meeting on 17 November 2022 were agreed as an accurate representation of the meeting.	
6	<p><b>Update on Network meetings</b></p> <p><b>6.1</b> <u>Secondary</u>  The secondary hub held on 8 February was hosted by Dr Kate Christopher. Sam Keddie has been working with Kate on a project on World Views, teaching Islam as a World View rather than a world religion approach. Positive feedback was received from the attendees.</p> <p>The next meeting of the secondary hub is being held on 15 March led by Stephen Pett. The attendance numbers may be impacted as this date coincides with the Teachers' strike. This session will be on the Syllabus and Hinduism.</p> <p>There is to be a whole day teacher conference on 12 July (in person) led by Stephen Pett and funded by RE Today as part of the package we are committed to. This is being hosted at Chailey School.</p> <p>Cullum St Gabriel are offering on-line free courses on CPD; a flyer has been circulated to the SACRE group.</p> <p><b>6.2</b> <u>Primary</u>  On 25 January the second funded twilight was held with Stephen Pett. There will be a final twilight session in the summer term to build on this.</p> <p>Pamela Hartog presented a session on Judaism which was very well received. This session raised lots of interest on a visit to the Synagogue, which Claire is in the process of arranging.</p> <p><u>Dates to note:</u>  27 April: Lat Blaylock will be leading on a Primary Conference.  4 May: CRa and CRi visit to Willingdon Primary to observe Lois Burton SLE  8 June: Next network meeting with Katie Harrison on Collective Worship.  27 June: Dr Kate Christopher to join the network meeting on Islam/World Views.</p> <p><b>6.3</b> <u>Determinations Policy</u>  As a response to SACRE BB has produced this Policy based on the NASACRE template. BB will finalise the presentation of the document and this will be added to the new SACRE page on the Czone website.</p> <p><b>6.4</b> <u>Special Schools</u>  BB presented a paper on the implementation of the new Agreed Syllabus in Special Schools which gave an update on the current status of the use of the syllabus within these schools. It was agreed that the local Agreed Syllabus is delivered as far as is practicable.</p> <p>SACRE agreed to further facilitate the work of Kirsty Eydman through recognition of an informal Special Schools network and to use the network to develop a simplified version of the programme of study alongside a bank of resources that Special Schools may draw on.</p> <p>SACRE agreed to consider the specific training needs of teachers in Special Schools and the extent to which SACRE might be able to support their development.</p>	

<b>7</b>	<b>Programme of School Visits</b>	
<b>7.1</b>	CRa and CRi had planned for good practice visits to the following schools: 3 May - Ratton 4 May - Willingdon	
<b>7.2</b>	SACRE was asked for volunteers to join these visits. Rosemary Roberts and Cllr Belsey will join the visit to Ratton and Peter White will join the visit to Willingdon.	
<b>7.3</b>	A protocol for visits had been drafted and will be shared with SACRE for their comments/approval. <b>ACTION: Clerk to circulate school visit protocol.</b>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Self-evaluation Toolkit</b>	
<b>8.1</b>	The focus of this meeting was on Section 2 of the SACRE self-assessment tool: Standards and quality of provision of Religious Education.	
<b>8.2</b>	Suggestions for information required to assist SACRE in carrying out its role with RE provision across the local authority: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Exam results from the local authority.</li> <li>➤ SIAMS reports to share good practice - ask Jon Gilbert to signpost us. <b>ACTION: Jon Gilbert</b></li> <li>➤ ‘View from the classroom’ slot at SACRE meetings - teachers to be identified from network meetings.</li> <li>➤ Primary Headteacher Conference to raise the profile of RE - Claire Rivers to follow up. <b>ACTION: Claire Rivers</b></li> </ul>	<b>JG</b>  <b>CRi</b>
<b>8.3</b>	Suggestions for ways to ensure good quality of interaction and communication with leadership and management of RE in schools: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Use of Virtual School Bag (VSB)</li> <li>➤ Headteacher meetings</li> <li>➤ Governor training</li> <li>➤ Network meetings</li> </ul>	
<b>8.4</b>	Section 3: The effectiveness of the locally agreed syllabus, will be covered at the next SACRE meeting. <b>ACTION: Clerk to add to June agenda.</b>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (Standing item)</b>	
<b>9.1</b>	It was noted that Special Schools are a new audience to the Agreed Syllabus.	
<b>10</b>	<b>Any other business</b>	
<b>10.1</b>	Rosemary thanked Barry, Claire and Claire for all of the hard work and commitment they provide to SACRE.	
	<b>Date of next meeting: Thursday 15 June @ 14.00</b>  <b>Venue: County Hall &amp; MS Teams</b>	