

East Sussex SACRE

Notes of the meeting

Date: Thursday 11th February 2016
Venue: Chairman's Function Room, County Hall, Lewes BN7 1SG
Chairman: Councillor Roy Galley
Clerk: Julie Stevens
Present: Cllr Roy Galley, Mr Peter White, Cllr Richard Stogdon, Cllr Mike Pursglove, Cllr Pat Rodohan, Dr Brenda Vance, Mrs Pamela Hartog, Mrs Rosemary Roberts, Mrs Jenni Osborn, Dr Norman Williamson, Miss Becky Gough, Ms Laura Cooper

Also present: George Jelliss (Humanist Observer), Robin Taylor (Pagan Observer), Lilian Weatherley (Advisor to SACRE), Julie Dougill (LA Advisor), Julie Stevens (Clerk), Maria Conway (Observer)

Apologies: Dr Tariq Rajbee, Mr Martin Lloyd, Mr Lewis Hall, Cllr Trevor Webb

Item	Title	Action
1	AGM <i>Cllr Galley</i> <i>Note: The meeting started at 14:20 due to attendees being delayed in traffic problems</i>	
1.1	Apologies were noted. It was agreed that the meeting was quorate therefore the AGM could go ahead.	
1.2	Election of Chair Councillor Stogdon and Mr Peter White put nominations forward for Councillor Galley to continue as Chair. This was unanimously agreed and therefore Councillor Galley was formally elected as Chair of SACRE for a further 12 month term.	
1.3	Election of Vice-Chair Councillor Stogdon and Mrs Rosemary Roberts put nominations forward for Mr Peter White to remain as Vice Chair. This was unanimously agreed and therefore Mr Peter White was formally elected as Vice Chair of SACRE for a further 12 month term.	
1.4	Election of Chairs of individual SACRE representative groups SACRE unanimously agreed that the following people should be elected as Chairs of the individual SACRE representative groups: Jenni Osborn for the 'other' faiths Becky Gough for the Teacher Associations Rosemary Roberts for the Church of England Councillor Roy Galley for the Local Authority	
1.5	Budget Update <i>Julie Dougill</i> Budget paper was circulated to the meeting (attached with minutes). The following key points were noted: - Most of the expenditure from the budget is for the service that Lilian Weatherley provides, not only to SACRE but also for training in schools. - Approximately £150 still to be taken from the budget, for meeting cost at	

	<p>Gildredge House and cost of refreshments for today's meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JD asked if there are any resources that we could spend the small amount that will be left in the budget as we are not allowed to carry any funds forward to the next financial year. - LW suggested using the funds for work to be completed on adapting a simple guide on each of the Faiths that Brighton and Hove SACRE had produced for their schools. - LW to check if Brighton and Hove are happy to share this information and if so it was agreed that this guide would be useful for our schools and the remaining budget could be used for this. LW to send a copy of the guide to SACRE members, but please note this is currently a Brighton and Hove SACRE document. - JD advised that the indicative budget for 2016/17 will be increased to £12,000 as we are re-launching the new RE syllabus. 	<p>LW</p> <p>LW</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>Business Meeting</p> <p><i>Note: Reflection moved to the end of the meeting as Jenni Osborn was delayed in arriving and requested a later slot on the agenda</i></p>	
<p>2.1</p>	<p>Minutes of meeting 25th November 2015 & Matters Arising <i>Cllr Galley</i></p> <p>Two typing errors had been picked up by Mr Peter Ward which the Clerk has amended.</p> <p>7. Format for the annual report; LW confirmed that there is a new format on the NASACRE website for the annual report.</p> <p><u>Action point to carry forward:</u></p> <p>8. LW/Cllr Galley to draft some comments and circulate to SACRE for their input re the Charles Clarke comments on the National Curriculum.</p> <p>The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and there were no matters arising.</p>	
<p>3</p>	<p>Annual report/Scrutiny report <i>Lilian Weatherley</i></p> <p>Cllr Stogdon stated that he would be interested to hear what the committee thinks of the reasons why there has been a substantive downturn in GCSE results from 2013 onwards.</p> <p>LW agreed there had been a downturn and explained that there is an issue with secondary schools not meeting statutory legislation i.e. not all schools are compliant, but LW did point out that East Sussex are above the national picture with GCSE results.</p> <p>Becky Gough confirmed that RE is one of the low priority GCSE's.</p> <p>Cllr Stogdon referred to the term 'British Values' in the Scrutiny report and asked if the Scrutiny Committee will understand the context of British Values. LW agreed to add a footnote to the report as clarification.</p> <p><u>The following amendments will be made to the Scrutiny Report:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Budget to be confirmed 	<p>JD</p>

	<p>- Footnote to be added around the 4 core values of British values</p> <p>SACRE agreed the report with these additions</p>	LW
4	<p>School visits proforma <i>Lilian Weatherley</i></p> <p>LW explained that the purpose of having a proforma for the school visits is so that SACRE members have a format when visiting and they can also be sent to the schools.</p> <p>Becky Gough suggested offering a Q&A session to the schools.</p> <p>Cllr Galley confirmed the aim is to visit the 12 maintained secondary schools by the end of 2016.</p> <p>Becky Gough confirmed that a visit to Claverham would be very welcome.</p> <p>SACRE agreed that we need to make it very clear to the schools the reasons behind the visits from SACRE. LW agreed to put together some points and the Clerk will include these in emails to the schools when arranging the visits.</p>	LW Clerk
5	<p>RE View <i>Lilian Weatherley</i></p> <p><i>Peter Ward joined the meeting at 15:25</i></p> <p>LW gave an overview of the RE View. Clerk to send to all schools. NASACRE conference 2016 – Jenni Osborn said she would be interested in attending this year. Cllr Galley also agreed he would like to attend if possible.</p> <p>Clerk to re-send the email from NASACRE (NASACRE briefing) to SACRE members</p>	Clerk Clerk
6	<p>Review of RE Syllabus <i>Julie Dougill/Lilian Weatherley</i></p> <p>The first meeting of the working group to be held on 19th April in Westfield House. SACRE members are welcome to attend. The aim is to present a draft copy of the syllabus to the SACRE meeting in June.</p>	
7	<p>Reflection <i>Jenni Osborn</i></p> <p>Jenni led reflection.</p>	
8	<p>AOB</p> <p>There was no further business.</p>	
	<p>Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 22nd June 2016 @ 2:00pm Chairman’s Function Room, Westfield House, County Hall, Lewes BN7 1UE</p>	