

SACRE Meeting

10:30am - 12.00 Thursday, 5th February 2015

Ormiston South Parade Primary School, Grimsby

Minutes

Present

Leo Solomon (Chair)

Margaret Solomon

Jill Hetherington

Rosalind Smith

Christina Hook

Debbie Newton

Rebecca Deighton

Katherine Bruning

Julie Childs (co-opted)

Mary Berry (minutes)

Andrew Dodd

Item	Subject	
1	Apologies Gillian Georgiou, Shereen Alankar, Simon Cross, Cllr Mickleburgh, Simon Cross	
2	Minutes and matters arising LS proposed as a true record, DN seconded. LS to progress Youth SACRE There was additional training next week on the RE quality mark. No new schools had signed up since half term. DN recommended that the group encourage RE Co-ordinator to look at the REQM with regard to audit. Criteria was available on the REQM website to download.	LS
	RE Conference confirmed as 19 th June at the Humber Royal Hotel. Agenda will use 2 of the elements of the Rotherham conference: Assessment Without Levels, and Values and Achievement RS suggested outdoor learning be included. There was a discussion around the Lincoln Diocese and Richard Dawson's outdoor project in the woods. JH to contact Richard Dawson to ask him to put on a display at the RE conference. JC suggested that Caroline Carr, who also has a site, be contacted.	JH JH
	Agreed: Conference be a joint event with North Lincs. GG had previously agreed to provide an overview of the course. This is the intellectual property of the diocese. Printed copy circulated for group to see if they want to use it. Agreed that JH progress a half day training session with GG Syllabus review. DN had spoken to Hull and East Riding. In East Riding colleagues going in to schools as it was a requirement of SACRE to monitor 10% of RE teaching in schools,	JH



	looking at what is being taught and if they are fulfilling legal requirements. JH had contacted North Lincs who stated that they pay practitioners to come out of their schools to monitor RE teaching. Agreed: JH to draft a proposal and to contact NASACRE for guidance DN to clarify that it is a requirement to monitor 10%. Visits – there had been 6 schools visiting the synagogue during last year and 8 visits to schools around Lincolnshire and NEL RS asked if would it be useful if there was a feedback form for visits to be used as a template for all establishments. DN to email template Action: Guidance letter from GG to be sent to all schools with reminder that similar information is included in agreed syllabus.	JH DN DN JH
6	Local Syllabus Review DN agreed that syllabus started out as a 'tweaking', however there were now 2 main issues to include where appropriate. One was British values, the 2 nd was to reduce the current 6 fields of enquiry to be covered at each key stage to provide a smarter way of working for teachers and remove duplication. Alan Brine, ex HMI RE specialist has put out a document 'Areas of Understanding'. DN to circulate. This is divided into 3 main sections and it was taken as the starting point for the review. The revision will make clear what should be taught and ensure issues around British values are embedded in the structure of the syllabus. The next step is a meeting at the beginning of March to finalise Areas of Understanding and start working on assessing without levels across KS1 and KS2, then to look at exemplars of work. This is in response to requests from teachers for more support and guidance. This will then be taken to the RE Co-ordinators meeting to ensure their views are taken into account. DN confirmed that it has to be a working document. For clarification, JH informed the group that NEL has Rosalind Smith representing SACRE on the Agreed Syllabus Conference at a strategic level with the other 3 LAs. Alongside that, Julie Childs has been funded for up to 10 days to work on the regional working group with colleagues from N Lincs, Hull and East to do the re-writing and revision of the syllabus. Both Julie and Rosalind will report back to the SACRE on progress, but each local SACRE must take responsibility for approving the revisions as the work progresses. Meeting dates for 2014 - 15 10.30am, Tues, 9 th June, venue tbc	DN
7	AOB For information, bursaries have been re-established for RE	
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teacher training.

Annual report: Draft copy tabled for comments and to be circulated electronically. National figures to be included

KB informed of a NATRE RE conference in Bolton on 9th-10th May. This followed on from the London conference. There are 2 days of activities and key note speeches. Link to be sent to the group.

Alan Brine document to be sent out to SACRE members.

KB informed the group of a recent conference she had attended in London.

RS noted that the last Primary Head Teachers' was a CPD session on SMSC. It was made clear how much SMSC is being done across schools.