

SACRE Meeting

10:00am – 11.30 Tuesday, 9th June 2015

Macaulay Primary Academy, Grimsby

Minutes

Present	Leo Solomon (Chair) Margaret Solomon Jill Hetherington Rosalind Smith Christina Hook Andrew Dodd Gillian Georgiou	Debbie Newton Katherine Bruning Simon Cross Julie Childs (co-opted) Shereen Alankar Mary Berry (minutes) Pollyanna Dickson (apprentice)
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Item	Subject	
1	Apologies Cllr Dickerson, Rebecca Deighton. Cllr Mickleburgh	
2	Minutes and matters arising Minutes agreed as a true record, KB proposed, DN seconded KB to progress Youth SACRE. DN to email template for reporting on visits. This was to capture value and impact, rather than making judgements as a visitor and to clarify what information is needed on any feedback forms. Agreed: that minutes would be sent out 10 days after each meeting. Richard Dawson, Classroom in The Woods, had been built into the agenda for the RE conference. Caroline Carr had not been contacted due to pressure on time available in the programme. JH had contacted North Lincs Council SACRE advisor regarding the GREAT RE 2015 event. NL SACRE agreed to offer places to their schools, although there has been no take up to date. North Lincs will circulate the programme again. The NEL number signed up for the event (low 20s) is disappointing, but means that the event is viable. JH to check current costings to confirm if SACRE members can attend free of charge. Programme to be sent to SACRE members. CH confirmed that she would attend. GG offered to send the flyer to North Lincs RE co-ordinators. JH to contact GG re training in autumn term	KB DN MB JH MB GG JH
3	Agreed Syllabus: Update on Review – Rosalind Smith and Julie Childs Papers circulated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core Knowledge for 6 key faiths at KS1, KS2 and KS3 • Areas of Understanding for KS1, KS2 and KS3 • Note of discussion and decisions required from last regional 	

<p>ASC meeting RS gave an update on the regional ASC meeting which was hosted by Littlecoates Primary and attended by RS, LS and JC.</p> <p>JC clarified that the colour-coding in the Areas of Understanding allows teachers to track learning through the key stages to support progression. Exemplar units are available from Julie Childs at J.childs@mpacademy.org.uk if members would like to see them. They have been consulted on with practitioners across the region, including our RE Co-ordinators' Network.</p> <p>Discussion on questions from the ASC meeting about a joint launch event and the hosting of the syllabus on a single, joint website. It was felt that finances should be directed more towards support for teachers in NEL.</p> <p>1: Core knowledge: Some minor amendments were suggested. Faith adherents and practitioners have been consulted on the content and feedback has been very positive, with the information welcomed as a valuable addition to the syllabus. CH felt that KS3 content was moving towards the standards and expectations of KS4 / GCSE.</p> <p>RS suggested that all take the documents away to read and feedback to JC (email above), by 16th June, to take back to the working party. A final draft will then be circulated to members for approval prior to the next working party meeting on 16th July.</p> <p>AGREED</p> <p>2: Launch of the revised syllabus Discussion around joint celebration/launch of the revised syllabus. LS stated that the local authority is legally responsible for it and DN stated that she would like to see something ceremonial around the launch, raising awareness of the work and the profile of RE in the area. LS expressed concerns that there was no attendance by LA representatives. AD suggest a press launch for the syllabus. JH clarified that members of SACRE supported planning the joint launch but need to have an idea of potential cost implications in order to make a decision about their contribution. AGREED SACRE proposes that there is a local event following publication of the syllabus, with training to support practitioners, with the press and SACRE members in attendance. AGREED Proposal: Planning a regional launch event, dependant on costs Agreed: 9 members agreed Proposal: Celebration of local launch supported by training Agreed: All JH confirmed that no budget had been allocated to SACRE but there had been significant funding of resource, i.e. Officer and Clerk, training events, RE Co-ordinators' Network and funding representatives to work on the syllabus review (Approx £3,000 to date)</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>JC</p>
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	<p>3: Hosting of syllabus There were significant financial implications to review/overhaul of existing website and to maintain it for the lifetime of the syllabus. A lot of the resources, associated documents and materials are no longer valid and need to be removed or updated. DN expressed concerns that if NEL want resources on their own website it could suggest that NEL felt they were no longer part of the regional group, but that the agreed syllabus is its work. If we have our own, is the SACRE page on NELC website the best place for it? Where is it going to be best for practitioners to access? GG raised the option of using a platform such as Dropbox which would offer easy access to all. Proposal: JH to pursue hosting of the agreed syllabus on a shared website Agreed All</p>	<p>JH</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Next Steps – Jill Hetherington It was agreed to hold 2 meetings in the autumn term feeding into the next two regional ASC meetings scheduled for 17th September and 25th November.</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>SACRE Governance New guidance documents on the effective governance and performance of SACREs had been posted on the NASACRE website. There was a brief discussion and it was agreed that the documents raise a number of issues for this SACRE to address. JH suggested the next meeting should be just 2 agenda items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Syllabus review – update on progress during the summer and preparation for the next joint ASC on 17th September 2. Governance of the SACRE, including election of the Chair and constitution. <p>All members to look at the guidance documents on the NASACRE website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SACRE Chair • SACRE Officers • Code of conduct • Constitution • Development Planning • RE Tool (Reporting and evaluating toolkit) • Annual Reports <p>Agreed: JH to prepare a draft constitution in preparation for the next meeting Agreed: MB to download above documents and send to SACRE members</p>	<p>JH MB</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>JH MB</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Proposed meeting dates for 2015 - 16 Wed 9th September 2.30pm Thurs 12th November 10.30am Tues 19th January 10.30am</p>	

	Weds 25 th May 2.30pm Any issues with dates, please inform MB.	MB
7	AOB The Chair expressed the SACRE's thanks to RS and JC for the work they had done on the revision of the syllabus. Macaulay Primary Academy and JC were thanked for hosting the meeting.	