

SACRE Meeting

1:30pm – 3.00pm, Wednesday, 12th November 2014

Littlecoates Primary School, Grimsby

Minutes

Present	Leo Solomon (Chair)	Debbie Newton
	Margaret Solomon	Rebecca Deighton
	Jill Hetherington	Marcus Czarnecki
	Rosalind Smith	Gillian Georgiou
	Christina Hook	Mary Berry (minutes)

Item	Subject	
1	<p>Apologies Paul Thompson, Shereen Alankar, Andrew Dodd, Katherine Bruning, Simon Cross, Cllr Mickleburgh</p>	
2	<p>Minutes and matters arising LS proposed as a true record, DN seconded.</p> <p>RE Quality Mark: There is no up to date information available. The REQM website shows a list of all schools which have applied, none shown for this area. It was felt that it is a good audit tool for the schools, although there is a cost implication to schools which apply. The Diocese has part-funded CoE schools with fewer than 150 on role.</p> <p>JH had written on the Chair’s behalf to Simon Cross to invite him to join the SACRE as lead of the Inter Faith Forum. He had accepted and was happy to have a conversation with New Age groups regarding engagement and possible representation.</p> <p>JH thanked MS and LS for hosting the coordinators’ meeting at the Synagogue in October. It was disappointing that the planned CPD course did not go ahead due to lack of take-up. It was agreed that it would be offered again.</p> <p>JH had contacted Lat Blaylock who was happy to do follow up event in June. Lat had circulated information about a joint RE conference in Rotherham on 29th Jan. JH asked if this should be made available to local schools or promote the NEL SACRE event. It was felt that a local event would be better. DN suggested that a SACRE member attend the event in Rotherham. Email re Rotherham event to be forwarded to SACRE members.</p> <p>Agreed to have local event. Date to be confirmed with Lat B.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">SC</p> <p style="text-align: right;">JH</p> <p style="text-align: right;">JH</p>

	<p>Youth SACRE – KB had emailed LS, she would like to fix a date for 3 people to meet. LS to contact KB to arrange.</p>	<p>LS</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Anglican Diocese representation and activity SMSC training for governors is available, as discussed at previous meeting. GG to circulate outline to SACRE. This has been written primarily for church schools and the majority of the work is based around the reports on the review of RE published last year. GG explained that she was planning to deliver CPD as a collaborative model to clusters of 6 schools to improve the quality of teaching and learning in RE, involving action research and follow-up visits to schools to identify impact. This work can then be used as examples of good practice for dissemination. It is hoped to pilot the model in the spring term. There are currently up to 6 local schools interested and GG will feed back to SACRE. Working with Bishop Grossteste, Mark Chater has funding to set up regional hub in East Midlands with a secondary focus. CH stated that a major issue in developing the quality of teaching is the shortage of qualified / experienced teachers. GG will contact CH to follow this up.</p>	<p>GG</p> <p>GG</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Local Syllabus Review RS had attended the first Humber ASC meeting and fed back to JH the various issues raised. A set of questions had been sent to Marilyn Cowling to clarify the plans for the work on revising the syllabus, expectations of NEL, costs and involvement. A response had been received, answering some of the questions.. Members of the group looking at the revised syllabus are Marilyn Cowling, now freelance and paid by Hull to run training and co-ordinator meetings, Sue Holme, freelance and working on behalf of East Riding and the Diocese of York and Catriona ? from North Lincs, an Early Years specialist. A decision is needed as to NEL’s involvement in and contribution to the Syllabus Review. One option discussed was to wait for work to be completed and buy in the finished product. There was an extended discussion of this issue. DN warned that NEL SACRE would have to be in a position to put something else in place if the Humber syllabus was not what was required, and there would still be financial implications. Professionals such as Lat Blaylock could provide a skeleton agreed syllabus for approx. £25k, then the local aspect would have to be added. Most of the additional material, medium term planning etc. can be adopted by any LA with any agreed syllabus. The concern is that if we buy into another LA there would then be another layer of work to do to make it local. DN expressed a preference for NEL to opt in to the Humber collaborative. Hull and ER could fund 1 primary and 1 secondary rep in setting up an internet based review. RS stated that NEL has a wealth of experienced staff to support this work who would be keen to participate and contribute. CH felt it was important that points raised are passed on and agreed completely with points raised in the email.</p>	

	<p>RS felt that schools would support RE co-ordinators working with it.</p> <p>JH felt it would be useful if to use the RE co-ordinators' group to look at some of the materials and proposals coming out of the review. Next working groups are planned for 8 – 10th Dec then 9-10 Jan.</p> <p>DN was involved as the NEL rep in last re-write for 2011 syllabus and felt it important that someone representing NEL should work on the review along with other authorities / SACREs, speaking to and consulting with RE professionals within the LA to ensure it is going the right way.</p> <p>JH wanted NEL schools to be involved as much as possible.</p> <p>LS suggested looking at the difference in cost between NEL taking part or undertaking the work alone.</p> <p>JH stated that if NEL contributes, it must ensure some influence over the process and outcomes.</p> <p>Agreed: JH wait to hear back from Marilyn Cowling for clarification, before a final decision is reached.</p>	JH
5	<p>SACRE activity – supporting and monitoring teaching</p> <p>JH stated that there had been discussions in previous meetings on SACRE's responsibility in supporting and monitoring teaching in RE. GG stated that it is the legal obligation of SACRE to do this and wanted to raise awareness that Ofsted are taking a much closer interest in the teaching of RE along with SMSC and related areas. JH stated that the recent SACRE survey was part of this and showed that some monitoring work had been done. GG stated that Lincolnshire has a RE adviser who carries out 9 school monitoring visits per term and reports back to SACRE meetings, covering primary, secondary and special schools. This is part of what SACRE Lincolnshire pay for. The meeting was reminded that Ofsted no longer report on RE as an individual subject. DN to check this with neighbouring LAs.</p> <p>MS had been visiting schools and 2 in particular had a very good knowledge of Judaism. A case of children being withdrawn from a visit to a Mosque was reported and GG confirmed that SACRE has a responsibility for children being withdrawn from teaching of Islam or other specific faiths.</p> <p>Agreed: JH to contact other 3 Humber authorities to ask how SACREs meet their duty of monitoring.</p> <p>MC felt that training was needed on monitoring progress. RS to look at using local practitioners in schools to be involved..</p>	DN JH RS
6	<p>Meeting dates for 2014 - 15</p> <p>10.30am, Thurs, 5th February, venue tbc</p> <p>10.30am, Tues, 9th June, venue tbc</p> <p>Synagogue and Littlecoates offered as venues</p>	
7	<p>AOB</p> <p>No further business</p>	