North East Lincolnshire SACRE

Minutes of the SACRE Meeting

10.30 – 12.00 Tuesday 19th January 2016 @ Grimsby Minster

Present Katherine Bruning (Chair) (B) Gillian Georgiou (B)

Rosalind Smith (Vice-Chair) (C) Debbie Newton (Co-opted)

Leo Solomon (A) Christina Hook (C)

Margaret Solomon (A) Andrew Dodd (D)

Julie Childs (Co-opted)

Jill Hetherington (LA & minutes)

Item	Subject	Action
1	Apologies	
	Shereen Alankar	
2	Minutes and matters arising	
	Minutes were approved, seconded and agreed.	
	 The revised SACRE Constitution had been submitted to NELC and approved 	
	The revised Code of Conduct had been submitted to NELC and approved	
	 The evaluation of the SACRE, using the NASACRE tool, was an agenda item for this meeting – see Item 6 	
	An additional powerpoint presentation on assessment had been	
	received from Lat Blaylock and forwarded to all who attended the Great RE 2015 event.	
	JH clarified that the work of supporting the SACRE reverts to NELC as of	
	1 st April 2016. Details of what form this will take and who will pick up	
	the role of Clerk and LA Link have not yet been finalised.	
	Details for the syllabus launch event in Hull on 17 th March have been	
	confirmed and all members were invited to attend.	
	Note: Since this meeting, the initial payment of £800 was made to ERYC for	
	the work on publishing the syllabus to the shared website.	
3	Syllabus Review	
	Copies of additional sections of the syllabus were circulated for	
	consideration, seeking approval and endorsement for their inclusion in the	
	final syllabus: Introduction; Purpose of RE – national guidance; Religious	
	education, SMSC and British values; Developing Knowledge, Skills and Attitudes in RE	
	JC reported on current progress. Cornwall have given permission for their	
	document on Qualities to be fostered in religious education (distributed) to	
	be used with the Humber syllabus.	
	GG raised the necessity to review KS4 guidance in light of recent DfE	
	guidance.	
	KB queried some wording in the draft and agreed to email proposed	JC
	amendments to JC prior to the next working group meeting. JC requested	KB
	that members forward her material suitable for use at the launch and	
	subsequently on the website, e.g. photos of pupil and their work in RE – it	All

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	was emphasised that the aim was to illustrate the vibrancy and diversity of	
	work in RE across the Humber.	
	Action:	
	3.1 JC will raise the issue of KS4 guidance with the regional working group 3.2 KB will email proposed amendments to some wording in the syllabus	
	to JC	
	3.3 Send photos and material to JC for display at the syllabus launch and	
	subsequent publication on the syllabus website	
	Members approved and endorsed the additional sections of the syllabus	
	under review for publication and adoption by NELC.	
	JC and RS were thanks for their ongoing work with the regional groups on	
	the syllabus review.	
	Action: JH to contact ER to enquire about progress on the website and	
	details on how members access the site.	JH
4	Annual Report 2014 – 15	
	JH circulated the initial draft of the report. There was discussion of a range	
	of related issues:	
	Disappointing drop in numbers of secondary students taking RE in	
	summer 2015; often RE content is subsumed within other areas of study	
	rather than teaching it as a discreet subject, especially as it does not	
	count towards the EBACC qualification and the short course is no longer	
	available as a qualification where points count towards the total student	
	score. In both primary and secondary schools and academies, RE is often taught by non-specialists.	
	 Concern about the number of pupils withdrawn from RE lessons in 	
	primary schools. Some schools had responded to the survey explaining	
	that some students are withdrawn by parents who are Jehovah's	
	Witnesses. GG commented that in Lincolnshire some Muslim parents	
	withdrew their children from RE following terrorist attacks, fearing	
	adverse attitudes from peers. GG clarified that it is the responsibility of	
	parents to provide alternative work or activity for children withdrawn	
	from RE – the Diocese has sent out a guidance document to all schools	
	to clarify this point.	
	 Members were encouraged to read A New Settlement: Religion and 	
	Belief in Schools on the role of the SACRE in supporting religious	
	instruction.	66
	Action: GG will circulate a copy of the guidance document on withdrawal.	GG
	GG informed members that Mark Plater at Bishop Grossteste runs the	
	Lincoln Hub for RE and could be approached for advice. Roxanne Fearns	
	is SLE for RE and may also be able to provide advice and support on	
	strengthening RE in this area. Action: JH to complete the annual report and circulate for approval prior	
	to submission to NASACRE for publication	JH
5	NASACRE briefing – Issue 10	
,	Members were encouraged to read the latest NASACRE briefing, circulated	
	earlier in the month, with particular reference to the item on the future of	
	SACRES	
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6 Self-evaluation and Development Plan

Sections 2 and 4 of the SACRE RE Tool were circulated and members divided into two working groups to complete and initial evaluation of current progress.

Section2: The effectiveness of the locally agreed syllabus.

Under headings a – f, 1 was judged to be *developing*, 3 were judged to be *established*,2 were judged to be advanced

Areas for development were:

- A) for the SACRE: provision of training on the new syllabus and the monitoring of its delivery across the authority
- B) for the LA: clarification on how the LA will support the SACRE after 1.4.16

Section 4: Management of the SACRE and partnership with the LA and other key stakeholders

Under heading a - f (& subsidiary f), 4 were judged to be *established*,3 were judged to be *developing*

Areas for development were:

Training and support for SACRE members

Ensure SACRE's work is closely linked to wider LA plans

Improve LA representation on the SACRE

Increase information to the SACRE on the quality and provision of RE and collective worship in local schools

Strengthen links with local faith groups

Increase opportunities for SACRE to hear views and experience of pupils and parents about RE

7 AOB

- 7.1 It was decided that 12th July 2016 is too late in the school year for the Great RE event with Lat Blaylock and members advise his offer to do the one day event in October is taken up.
- 7.2 Lincoln cathedral is hosting the Methodist Modern Art Collection 12th Feb 27th Mar. Resource packs are available for KS1, KS2 and KS3.
- 7.3 Grimsby Minster is hosting an art installation in September 2016; Art and Christian Education resources will be available for schools.
- 7.4 Debbie Newton will be assessing Lisle Marsden for the RE Quality Mark in March.
- 7.5 The Holocaust Memorial event is being hosted at Grimsby Institute on 27th January.

Next meeting: Wednesday 25th May 2016 at 2.30 pm. Venue to be confirmed