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| ***Education Services*** |
| **Meeting** | SACRE  |
| **Venue** | Oasis Nunsthorpe Primary School |
| **Date** | Thursday 6th June 2019 at 2:00 pm |
| **Present** | Julie Childs, Cllr Rogers, Roz Danks, Andrew Dodd, Pat Barlow, , Kathrine Bruning, Simon Cross, Gillian Georgiou (Casey Thornton – minutes) |
| **Apologies** | Leo Solomon, Margaret Solomon, Cllr Green, Shereen Alankar |

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| ***Agenda Item*** | ***Attachments/Discussion/Actions*** |
| 1 | Introductions and Welcome | JC welcomed everyone to the meeting. Cllr R advised that Cllr Green sends her apologies. |
| 2 | Apologies | Apologies were accepted.  |
| 3 | Minutes and any matters arising from previous meeting (30.01.19)  | The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.  |
| 4 | Membership  | SACRE discussed the need for new members and the importance of attendance. JC advised that Ingra Greet, RE specialist at Healing Science Academy has been in contact and JC was going to see if she would become a secondary representative.**ACTION- JC to contact Ingra to invite to next SACRE.**Cllr R advised that she is in contact with a Methodist preacher who was also a School Head. JC asked if Cllr R would approach him to see if he would be interested in attend SACRE.**ACTION- Cllr R to contact Methodist Preacher.**Jc advised that there is a lot of Humanists across NEL however we cannot locate a member for SACRE. SACRE advised that emailing the Humanist UK association to see if they are able to find a NEL Representative.**ACTION- JC to email Humanist UK to see if a Rep for NEL can be found.** |
| 5 | Determination Requests | No determination requests have been received. |
| 6 | Chairs report including correspondence | JC gave a verbal Chair’s report as there was no need for a written one and a lack of time to complete one. GG advised that North Lincolnshire SACRE have agreed to allow C of E schools in the authority to use the Diocesan support materials written for the Lincolnshire agreed syllabus for RE. These support materials enable C of E schools in this region to be compliant with the statutory elements of the East Riding agreed syllabus for RE and to meet the expectations of the Church of England Education Office’s *Statement of Entitlement* in relation to RE. JC added that the syllabus used by Lincolnshire is fantastic compared to some others. JC gave examples of syllabuses produced by organisations such as RE Today; she noted that these are very well-written, but can be expensive. GG advised that North East Lincolnshire SACRE may wish to contact Lincolnshire SACRE to enquire about the possible cost of NE Lincs SACRE buying into the Lincolnshire agreed syllabus for RE. The syllabus currently used by schools in North East Lincolnshire is due for revision in 2020-21. JC advised that the North Lincolnshire Learning Development Centre (LDC) has been closed. This will have implications for the annual RE conference to which North East Lincolnshire schools are invited. **Action: RD to contact Lincolnshire SACRE to enquire about the possible cost to North East Lincolnshire CC of buying into the Lincolnshire agreed syllabus from 2021.**  |
| 7 | Results of withdrawal survey | JC advised that Healing Academy have a lot of issues with removing examined GCSE RE as compulsory and making it an option. Also that the future provisions of RE for those students not opting to take it at GCSE was to be less than 5% curriculum time and be combined with other subjects such as PSHE etc. Deborah Weston sent a letter to the School advising the statutory requirements both Deborah Weston and the Chair of NE Lincs SACRE felt that the school’s response did not provide clear answers to the questions asked. As a result, they have continued to follow up this matter.PB advised that the results of the survey showed that there wasn’t a lot of withdrawals and the ones who has withdrawn where collective worship. There was a number of concerns with regards to visiting the Mosque but after speaking with teachers these had been addressed. There was a discussion around parental withdrawals from religious education in schools/academies, and speculation as to whether there would ever be future legislative change to removal the parental right to do such. |
| 8 | RE provision and proposed support package for schools across the LA (maintained and academy)  | GG gave an overview of the packages and gave copies of the letters that would be sent to schools and governors.All in agreement over the content of the letters.**ACTION- CT to circulate letters to head teachers/principals and governors.** |
| 9 | Locally Agreed Syllabus and church schools (GG) | This item was discussed in section 6 |
| 10 | Action Plan – RAG ratings and identification of next steps | This item was not discussed. JC proposed that the action plan would be looked at later in the year |
| 11 | AOB | No Items |
| **Next meeting** | 7th November 2019, 2-3.30pm, Oasis Nunsthorpe |