

# Minutes



## STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.00pm held at Sutton High School, Cheam Road, Sutton

Present: (Groups in brackets)	Miss V M Stone (C) (Chair)	Mr Vince Burke (A)
	Mrs Monica Cockram (C)	Mr Lewis Owens (B)
	Mrs Uzma Mobin (C)	Mrs Rosey Johnson (A)
	Mr Sal Uddin (A)	Ms Kareen Hewitt (B)
	Mr Abhinav Kant (A)	Mr Chris Lynch (A)
	Mrs Uzma Hussein (A)	Councillor Patrick Ogbonna (D)
	Ms Megan Morgan (B)	

In attendance: Mrs Penny Garry (Clerk)

Apologies:	Mrs Penny Smith-Orr (Consultant)	Mr S Ellingham (C)
	Mrs Justine Speck (C)	Mr Paul Solomon (A)
	Councillor Christopher Woolmer (D)	

	ITEM	ACTION BY
1.	<p><b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS</b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves.</p>	
2.	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b></p> <p>Apologies had been received from Ms Penny Smith-Orr, Mr Paul Solomon, Mrs Justine Speck, Mr Simon Ellingham, Councillor Christopher Woolmer and were consented.</p> <p>Ms Bishop and Mrs Smyth were absent from the meeting – the clerk will contact Ms Bishop and also Southwark Diocese to enquire about each one’s membership of SACRE.</p>	
3.	<p><b>MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022</b></p> <p>The minutes were agreed and will be signed as a true record subject to noting that Ms Johnson said, page 5, 4b “they are often non faith based and should not include RE”.</p>	
4.	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE IN THE AGENDA</b></p> <p><b>Outstanding Actions:</b></p> <p><b>Attendance by LA</b> - Ms Stone had emailed the Education Department and</p>	

	<p>now has a contact at Cognus, Laura Compton. She will be meeting with Laura soon. The Clerk has also met with the Commissioning Officer at the local authority, Rebecca Gardner and Laura Compton to talk generally about what SACRE do.</p> <p><b>WIRE Award</b> – the Clerk advised that she had now been given information about the best route to circulate this information i.e. the Education Bulletin. See also WIRE Award item for further ideas.</p> <p><b>RE Co-ordinators Meetings – raising awareness amongst secondary schools.</b> Mr Ellingham was going to target some schools but, unfortunately was not at the meeting to feedback.</p>	
5.	<p><b>APPOINTMENT OF SACRE MEMBERS</b></p> <p>Members welcomed two new members, Mr Chris Lynch to Group A to represent the Humanists and Ms Kareen Hewitt to Group B to represent Southwark Diocese.</p> <p>Mrs Stone read through the results of the recent Sutton Census which indicates that there are a large number of Christians in the borough, followed by Muslim and Hindu faiths. It was felt that SACRE is fortunate to have members of those faiths and that the only members missing were, perhaps, a Sikh member and a Buddhist member.</p> <p><b>Action: Councillor Ogwonna has a contact in the Sikh community and will see if they might be interested in joining.</b></p>	PO
6.	<p><b>REPORT ON SACRE MEMBERS TRAINING</b></p> <p>Sutton SACRE buys into a training package with NASACRE and members are encouraged to attend something if they can.</p> <p>Mrs Stone had attended “How to be an Effective Chair” and found it very useful, particularly to network with other Chairs. She had gained some useful insight into other uses for the Self-Evaluation.</p> <p>The Clerk had also attended “How to be an Effective Clerk” and had been pleased to learn that things were being done in the correct way.</p> <p>There is another course taking place next week on Collective Worship and Councillor Ogbonna said that he might be able to attend.</p> <p><b>Action: The Clerk will re-circulate the NASACRE Training details and log-in</b></p>	Clerk
7.	<p><b>MONITORING RE AND CW IN SUTTON</b></p> <p><b>SIAMS Report</b> Members noted the really good report for All Saints’ Benhilton and were pleased to see the mention of the local syllabus.</p> <p><b>WIRE Award</b> Mrs Smith-Orr had submitted the applications for two schools, Robin Hood</p>	

	<p>Infants and All Saints' Carshalton. The awards do ask for evidence and have to demonstrate how the school supports British Values). SACRE members took some time to look through these applications.</p> <p>A vote was taken and it was unanimously decided that both awards should be made.</p> <p>In terms of the wider marketing of these awards, Miss Morgan said that she would be happy to ask her Headteacher to raise awareness at the next Headteacher's Forum.</p>	
8.	<p><b>UPDATE ON SUTTON FAITH &amp; BELIEF FORUM</b></p> <p>Mr Solomon was not present at the meeting to provide an update.</p>	
9.	<p><b>RE CO-ORDINATORS MEETINGS AND SCHOOL VISITS</b></p> <p>A meeting took place by Zoom on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 and 14 RE Co-ordinators attended. They discussed collective worship, Holy writing of all faiths, festivals and also British values and how they fit into RE.</p> <p>They also looked at the NATRE Primary Survey and what teachers report about RE in their schools. Ms Stone read out some of the findings of the survey.</p> <p><b>Action: the Clerk will circulate the NATRE survey results to members.</b></p>	PG
10.	<p><b>UPDATE ON FAITH AMBASSADORS</b></p> <p>Ms Johnson explained the background to this initiative for the benefit of new members.</p> <p>Mrs Speck was not present at the meeting to provide an update. The clerk will contact her to see if there has been any more activity and/or any news on how videos can be stored/used by schools.</p> <p><b>Action: Mr Lynch will see if there could be any interest in some of the boys at Wilsons recording a video (could be as part of Duke of Edinburgh or a presentation project).</b></p>	CL
11.	<p><b>SACRE 2023 DEVELOPMENT PLAN</b></p> <p>Ms Stone went through the development plan – some progress has been made and, in some other areas, it has stalled.</p>	PS-O
12.	<p><b>NASACRE AGM</b></p> <p><b>AGM</b></p> <p>Ms Stone asked members if they would like to attend the AGM in London in May. Ms Johnson said she would be free to do so. Ms Stone said that she is also able to attend if no-one else wanted to go.</p>	

	<p><b>Action: members to contact the clerk by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March to advise if they would like to attend.</b></p> <p><b>NASACRE Awards</b>          NASACRE have the Westhill awards which can be applied for specific RE projects. It comes with funding of £4,000. The cut-of each year is 31<sup>st</sup> March so SACRE members may wish to discuss this further in the Autumn term.</p>	<p><b>All Members</b></p>
<p><b>13.</b></p>	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p><b>Interraction with LA/Cognus</b>          As mentioned under matters arising Ms Stone will be meeting with Laura Compton. She has managed to obtain a budget figure and there are some funds remaining. This money could be used on a specific project, to replace and increase RE resources held at Victor Seymour (Mr Burke suggested that some of SACRE’s members could make contact with the different religious oranisations to ask for donations/discounted artefacts etc.) or to subsidise RE Co-ordinators attendance at meetings (currently they pay £50 to attend). It is unknown where this £50 income is paid into.</p> <p>Ms Stone will also receive a quarterly review of the budget so the funds can be tracked more easily.</p> <p><b>Action: Ms Stone will consult with Mrs Smith-Orr about this.</b></p> <p><b>Letter from Mr Bracken</b>          Ms Stone read out a letter she had received from Mr Bracken following her own letter thanking him for his long service to SACRE.</p> <p><b>NASACRE</b>  <b>The clerk will re-circulate the log in information for NASACRE.</b></p>	<p><b>VS</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>14.</b></p>	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 6.45pm – PLEASE NOTE NEW, EARLIER TIME.</b></p> <p><b>Venue: Sutton High School</b></p> <p>SACRE members will consider utilising a place of worship or other venue for one meeting per year – consideration could be given to the mosque in morden or Wentworth Hall in Carshalton, Mr Burke offered his school and there are also meeting rooms in the Holy Trinity Church in Wallington.</p>	

Closing Time of Meeting: 8.30pm

Chair’s Signature ..... Date.....