

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Minutes of the meeting held virtually on Monday 7th February 2022 at 6.00 pm

SACRE Membership and Attendance

GROUP A: Faiths and beliefs other than C of E	Present/Apologies/ Absent	GROUP B: The Church of England	Present/Apologies/ Absent
Jo Backus Buddhist Vice-Chair	Present	Shaun Burns - (Southwark Diocesan Board of Education) Chair	Present
Andrew Dart Christianity - Methodist	Apologies	Esther Moorey – (School Chaplain)	Apologies
Christianity - Majority Black Churches	<i>Vacancy</i>	Sue Musgrove (Children and Families Minister)	Apologies
Christianity - Roman Catholic	<i>Vacancy</i>	Sarah Thorley (Retired Independent RE Consultant)	Present
Christianity - United Reformed Church	<i>Vacancy</i>		
Shanti Briody Caribbean Hindu	Apologies		
Umar Mahmood Islam	Present		
Rabbi Stewart Myers Judaism	Apologies		
Lady Kanwaljit Kaur Singh Sikhism	Absent		
Charley Jarrett Humanism	Apologies		
GROUP C: Teachers	Present/Apologies/ Absent	GROUP D: LA	Present/Apologies/ Absent
Pat Bennett NEU	Absent	Cllr Marcia Cameron Elected Member	Present
Denise Henry NEU	Absent	Cllr Pauline George Elected Member	Present
NAHT	<i>Vacancy</i>	Cllr Christiana Valcarcel Elected Member	Apologies
Primary RE Subject Leader	<i>Vacancy</i>	Penny Smith-Orr RE Consultant for Lambeth SACRE	Present
Jason McInnis Secondary School RS Teacher Rep.	Apologies	Kathryn Shaw LA Officer	Present
		Monique Bertrand LA Officer	Apologies
Other		Co-Opted.	
Maria Gabrielczyk – Clerk	In attendance	Prevent Officer Lydia Nixon	Absent

1. Welcome & Introductions.

Shaun opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present.

2. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from: Jason McInnes, Charley Jarrett, Andrew Dart, Cllr Valcarcel, Rabbi Myers, Shanti Briody, Monique Bertrand and Esther Moorey.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 8th November 2021 and matters arising

The minutes of the 17th May 2021 were agreed and signed by the Chair as an accurate record of the meeting.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda

- Shaun will write to Mike Cullinane, Denise Chaplin and Mark Minott to thank them for their contribution. **Action Carried Forward.**
- Quality of learning & teaching – View website and increase teachers in Group C. There will be training on 21st February 2022. **Action Carried Forward.**
- FOI Request – How SACRE is funded – cost of syllabus and other costs. **Action outstanding: KS**
- There is still £2K left of the Westhill funding. This will be discussed at the next meeting on 30th March. **Action: SB/ST**
- Penny to resend the paperwork on the Draft Determination Guidance. **Action: PSO**
- Ramadan – Umar to go through the guidance. The Ramadan guidance to be sent out by 4th March. **Action: UM**
- Collective Worship – This is an Agenda item. **Action: Completed**
- Umar circulated the flyer about Islamophobia Awareness Month **Action: Completed**
- Faith Trails update – This is an Agenda item. **Action: Completed**

5) Draft collective worship document and discussion on a Determination Policy

Penny informed that parents can apply for a determination, but this should not be encouraged. It was suggested that the SACRE website contains details that would be useful for schools and also ideas and documents for Collective Worship.

Q. Are you concise with the information? Is it correct in the way it has been mapped out?

A. If the school says that it does not do it like that, then it is a possibility that the schools is not doing it correctly. The law is correct on Collective Worship and it does not get changed. The law section is correct. The Collective Worship Policy should also be in the school ideas given - how to plan and how to make it special.

Penny clarified that Collective Worship is different to an Assembly. An Assembly is the gathering together to get information, general stuff. Collective Worship is often at the same time, but a special part. It can be in groups eg. Year groups, own class groups, tutor groups. It is a special time to think about something in particular.

Pupils cannot be made to pray, but to listen to a reflective paragraph and have a think about it. To make meaningful time and thinking and spirituality in their lives. School do class assemblies, but do not mention what is being done in RE.

A brief discussion took place, where it was pointed out that at the start the difference between Collective Worship and Assemblies should be made. Using words, inclusive, invitational and inspiring as part of the principles of Collective Worship. It should be contextual and based on the school community. It was suggested that there should be illustrations and the cover should be of good quality – so it can be distributed as a quality booklet of advice. There can also be quotes on Collective Worship from RE Leads, which can be used from the copyright free websites. The document can be put together, finalised and then taken to Lambeth Comms.

Q. Is the document broad enough to cover other faiths? Does it reference things taking place in Lambeth, so it has a “Lambeth Flavour”?

A. The Law states that Collective Worship needs to be broadly of a Christian nature, so 51%. Penny offered to check for clarity. **ACTION: PSO**

It was suggested that there could be an Inter Faith calendar so that the main festivals can be brought to the attention of Collective Worship. However, SACRE Members informed that the Inter Faith Network has various very good resources to help planning.

Penny will add a few more links and bring back the document to the next meeting with illustrations etc. **ACTION: PSO**

6. Completing Section 4: Management of the SACRE and partnership with the LA and other key stakeholders. (RE Tool)

SACRE members discussed the Section 4 questions and agreed the following:

4A. SACRE Meetings. How purposeful, inclusive, representative and effective are SACRE meetings?

SACRE members felt this was at the **Advanced** stage and an area of strength. The SACRE meetings have taken place remotely during Covid. There are two Cllrs on the SACRE who attend regularly. There is support from Lambeth Council via Kathryn and Maria. Lambeth SACRE has a Chair and Vice Chair and a good membership. The teacher networks were being set up to support schools.

4B. Membership and training. To what extent is the membership of SACRE able to fulfil SACRE’s purpose?

SACRE members agreed that this was at the **Advanced** stage. Lambeth SACRE has signed up to the NASACRE training, where SACRE members have been participating. SACRE members also attend the annual NASACRE Conference. Denise Chaplin ran training for new SACRE members. There has also been training on Collective Worship. Maria regularly emails out training reminders and the re-sends the training schedule.

4C. Improvement/development planning. How effective are the priorities and actions identified by SACRE in improving the experience of pupils in schools?

SACRE members felt that this was **Established**.

4D. Professional and financial support. How well supported and resourced is SACRE?

SACRE members agreed that this was at the **Established** stage. However, SACRE are not informed of the budget and also do not hear about local events taking place eg. HMD.

4E. Information and advice. How well informed is SACRE in order to be able to advise the LA appropriately.

SACRE members agreed that this was at the **Established** stage and working towards the **Advanced** stage.

4F. Partnership with key stakeholders. What partnerships does the SACRE have with key local and national stakeholders and of what quality are these?

SACRE members felt that this was **Established**.

4G. Relations with the Academies sector. How effectively is SACRE encouraging academies etc. to see themselves also as stakeholders in their local area, specifically by devising ways in which an academies presence is incorporated into SACRE itself?

SACRE members agreed that this was at the **Developing** stage.

7. **RE Consultant's Report- Verbal Update**

Penny informed that only two people booked on the training (25th January 2022). The training has been postponed until the 9th March 2022 in the hope that more people will sign up.

Penny will contact Kathryn about the training. **ACTION: PSO**

8. **Annual Report 2020-2021- any comments**

Penny informed that the new Annual Report format came out last July from the DfE and all SACREs were asked to follow the same format.

There were no comments on the Annual Report 2020-2021.

9. **Update on Lambeth Faith Trails for Schools**

Sarah informed that she has not been able to have actual trails taking place yet. Sarah is trying to get the website completed. It is proving difficult to get IT support. The website is now there and the information on it is accurate. The website will need to be updated regarding the stages of the pandemic. The booking procedure has not been tested as the trails are still not happening and are still showing as being "on hold".

The next step will be to look at the website, so that it is linked in on both websites. Kathryn will resend the Faith Trail link **ACTION: KS**

Sarah reported that she has been approached by 10 schools who are interested in doing faith trails. Sarah has kept in touch with all the hosts over the 2 year Covid period. Most of the schools have been spoken with and 3 dates have been fixed for the Faith Trails. The dates will be circulated, with the first one being on 3rd May 2022.

Sarah informed that the two best places have closed, one being the Synagogue. The Liberal Synagogue is reluctant to join the Faith Trails. The other is the Hydra Islamic Centre, which is moving. The Faith Trails do not have 8 venues, therefore 2 faith trails cannot be run on the same day. If that was possible then twice as many schools could access a faith trail.

Sarah stated that there is still money left from the WestHill grant, so perhaps it can be used for a day of training and all the hosts to meet up. Sarah reported that somebody is needed to do person to person co-ordination and keeping in touch with the hosts. The Faith Trail map, of the places of worship in Lambeth and their locations, needs to be updated, as it was last done in 2010. Sarah has also done a quick guide if people don't live in Streatham, so that schools can devise their own faith trails.

Q. Is there a link on the NASACRE and the WestHill website?

A. This still needs to be finalised. The WestHill report for the website also needs to be finalised. Sarah will run the report past SB and KS. **ACTION: ST**

The Chair thanked Sarah for all her work on the Faith Trails.

Sarah will send out the dates of the Faith Trails and Maria will share them. **ACTION: ST**

Shaun added that both he and Sarah met with the Wandsworth SACRE about the Wandsworth Faith Trails.

10. **Islamophobia and Support for Schools in Tackling This**

This item has been deferred due to Jason, who had asked for the item to be on the SACRE agenda, being absent from this meeting.

11. Attendance at the NASACRE Conference in May

This item will be covered at the next meeting.

12. AOB

Cllr Cameron suggested that the Lambeth SACRE is involved in the Child friendly Lambeth initiative. This will be an Agenda item for the next meeting and Cllr Cameron will prepare a presentation. **ACTION: Cllr Cameron**

13. Dates, Venues and Times of Future Meetings:

- 30th March 2022 – SACRE meeting 6-8pm via MS TEAMS
- 27th June 2022 – SACRE meeting 6-8pm via MS TEAMS/(St. Martin-in-the-Field or Lilian Baylis)

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Chair of Lambeth SACRE