

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Minutes of the meeting held virtually on Wednesday 7th December 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	Apologies	Shaun Burns - (Southwark Diocesan Board of Education) Chair	Present
Andrew Dart Christianity - Methodist	Absent	Esther Moorey – (School Chaplain)	Absent
Christianity - Majority Black Churches	<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>Vacancy</i>	
Christianity - Roman Catholic	<i>Vacancy</i>	Sarah Thorley (Retired Independent RE Consultant)	Apologies
Christianity - United Reformed Church	<i>Vacancy</i>		
Caribbean Hindu	<i>Vacancy</i>		
Umar Mahmood Islam	Present		
Judaism	<i>Vacancy</i>		
Lady Kanwaljit Kaur Singh Sikhism	Present		
Charley Jarrett Humanism	Present		
GROUP C: Teachers	Present/Apologies/ Absent	GROUP D: LA	Present/Apologies/ Absent
NEU	<i>Vacancy</i>	Cllr Saleha Jaffer Elected Member	Present
Denise Henry NEU	Present	<i>Elected Member</i>	<i>Vacancy</i>
NAHT	<i>Vacancy</i>		
Primary RE Subject Leader	<i>Vacancy</i>	Penny Smith-Orr RE Consultant for Lambeth SACRE	Present
Jason McInnis Secondary School RS Teacher Rep.	Absent	Kathryn Shaw LA Officer	Present
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: Jo Backus and Sarah Thorley. Resignations were received from Susan Musgrove, Pat Bennett and Cllr Marcia Cameron.

Thanks were formally recorded to Susan Musgrave, Pat Bennett and Cllr Cameron for their loyal commitment and dedication to Lambeth SACRE over the years.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 27th June 2022 and matters arising

Umar informed that he was marked as absent when he was present at the meeting.

Subject to the attendance amendment, the minutes of the 27th June 2022 were agreed and signed by the Chair as an accurate record of the meeting.

- Contacting Lambeth College and secondary school Arts departments to run a project. KS offered to find out. **Action outstanding.**

4. Membership

A discussion arose around the number of vacancies. This also impacts on the meeting quoracy.

- Cllr Jaffer offered to send the Inter Faith Membership to Maria. **ACTION: Cllr Jaffer**
- Shaun to send Maria details of the Archdiocese for RC. **ACTION: SB**
- Maria to contact Sabina Williams about vacancies. **ACTION: MG**
- Ecumenical Borough Dean. Shaun to send Maria details. **ACTION: SB**
- United Reform Church – check the website for contact details. **ACTION: MG**
- Methodist Association of free churches – check the website for contact details. **ACTION: MG**
- Cllr Jaffer to speak to the Caribbean Hindu Temple. **ACTION: Cllr Jaffer**
- Shaun to write to the Liberal synagogue in Streatham and attach a leaflet from NASACRE. **ACTION: SB**
- Katherine to check the latest census data and to contact the Swami Narayan Hindu Temple. Katherine to speak to Sarah before approaching them. **ACTION: KS/ST**
- Shaun to write to Esther Moorey regarding her non-attendance. **ACTION: SB**
- Shaun to send an e-mail to Jason McInnis regarding his non-attendance. **ACTION: SB**
- NEU/NAHT vacancy - contact HQ. **ACTION: MG**
- Penny to find 2 people from the RE subject leader network. **ACTION: PS-O**
- Youth members on SACRE – Youth Council. Katherine to find out contacts and liaise with CJ. **ACTION: KS**
- NASACRE Training – Youth involvement and training. Details will be sent out and circulated when they join. **ACTION: MG**
- The roles in Group D need to be formalised. **ACTION: SB/KS**

5. RE Consultant's Report (Verbal)

- The RE Co-ordinators' Network meeting took place earlier in the term. Unfortunately the meeting was not well attended, but those who did attend were enthusiastic.
- Sarah talked about the Faith Trails and the Network members were very interested and wanted to sign up.
- Penny is not sure what more can be done to get a better attendance at the next meeting on 9th February 2023. The Network meetings are new and they need to build upon.
Q. How is the meeting being advertised?
A. On the Lambeth Schools Partnership website and training courses' information is sent out on a weekly basis to encourage people to sign up to the courses.

- It was suggested that Penny contacts the schools' offices and also sends out a letter directly to the RE Subject Leaders (via the school offices) with dates at the beginning of each academic year and at the start of each term. **ACTION: PS-O**

Some teachers asked where lesson plans for the units of work are, but there aren't any. The agreed syllabus had been designed with overview teaching units, but not detailed lesson plans so that teachers could plan the units to fit their contexts and pupils, allowing for individual creativity. However, sadly many teachers, (mainly those who have qualified more recently,) do not seem to have the skills to do this due to having been trained and taught under a system where the National Curriculum and other educational reforms by the government and OFSTED have dictated exactly what is taught, how it is taught and there has therefore been an over-reliance on standardised detailed lesson plans. Penny will spend time to put some example lesson plans for some of the units of work together for the teachers. A template with examples was suggested. Umar said he would be happy to help Penny with this project. Teachers are struggling with worksheets and activities. It was suggested that maybe there is a bank of resources for them like "Twinkl". However, both Penny, as RE Consultant for SACRE and Shaun, as a professional RE Adviser, advised that Twinkl should be avoided and definitely not recommended as it did not have good credentials and was not good RE. It is important to listen to what teachers need and then act on this, but there was also the expectation that teachers need to invest in the subject and professionally plan their lessons.

6. Lambeth SACRE Development Plan 2022-2023

The Lambeth SACRE Development Plan covers what Penny is planning to do in her role as RE Consultant for SACRE, over the course of the year. It will be a working document and updated as the year progresses. Penny has created the Collective Worship Guidance Document, with contributions from members of SACRE, which she is waiting to send out.

Penny will consider the assessment documents and plan the example lesson plans for the units of work for the Lambeth Agreed Syllabus accordingly. This will be followed by putting example assessments together. The work is clear and it is linked to the Lambeth SACRE Development Plan, informed by the Lambeth SACRE Evaluation Tool. This provides transparency for the Local Authority who fund SACRE.

7. Collective Worship document

Shaun to provide an update on websites and Penny can send out the information in the Spring Term. **ACTION: SB/PS-O**

Collective Worship is being covered in an inclusive way.

8. Annual Report 2021-2022

- Shaun will write his introduction for the Annual Report. **ACTION: SB**
- Penny will send off the Annual Report by the end of term.
- The DfE has not sent out the exam results for this year. This is a national issue. Penny will note that the DfE are late with the results, under the Exam Result heading. **ACTION: PS-O**
- It was suggested to pick some photos for the Annual Report from the ones displayed on the Faith Trails website.
- If any SACRE Member attended the NASACRE Conference, or any training during the past academic year, then please let Penny know for inclusion in the Annual Report.

9. Update on Lambeth Faith Trails for Schools

Katherine updated the following:

- Since the last SACRE meeting, there have been 3 Faith Trails organised. They are the North and South Trails.
- Each trail covers 3 different places of worship. The South London Synagogue has been replaced by the South London Liberal Synagogue.
- Katherine attended a Faith Trail and saw the interactions of pupils and the benefit they received.
- 6 Faith Trails have taken place over the time, with 2 Faith Trails taking place simultaneously.
- Schools that have participated are St. Luke's, Grantham and Hitherfield.
- Feedback forms have been provided for pupils and staff to complete. The feedback received to date has been positive.
- Sarah is meeting up with hosts at English Martyrs Church to talk about the Faith Trails.
- Brett is updating the Faith Trails section on the website with Sarah. The Faith Trails are going from strength to strength.
- The website has not yet been used for school bookings. It has all been done manually to date but will be used from the new term. Katherine and Sarah are working with Brett so that the website is fully up to date first.
- Sarah reported that she has had interest from Wandsworth about setting up Faith Trails and Croydon, but there is currently no capacity to have out of borough schools attending the Lambeth Faith Trails. Shaun had been helping Wandsworth set up Faith Trails within their borough, including with an initial meeting which Sarah had attended and shared her experience and wisdom. Shaun is also a member of Wandsworth SACRE and so this is a useful link. Information was shared that Wandsworth have now started their own Faith Trails. It was suggested that Croydon could link up with Wandsworth, so they can take the Faith Trails forward. Penny offered to support, particularly as she is also the RE Consultant for Croydon SACRE. **ACTION: PS-O**
- Sarah would like to develop more Faith Trails north of the borough.
- Umar will speak to Sarah regarding the Inter Faith work in the Inter Faith areas, with a possible Faith Trail start in Stockwell at the Mosque. **ACTION: UM/ST**

10. Places of Worship List

It was noted that the map on the Faith Trails website is not correct. Sarah spoke about remapping the places of worship. This item will be carried forward to the next meeting, where Sarah will update on the website work done with Brett. **ACTION: ST**

11. AOB

- Charley offered to look for an additional representative of Humanists UK. This would depend on the outcome of the review of Lambeth SACRE's membership following the publication of the 2021 Census information.
- Spring Agenda to have information on the Census. The information should be held by a department in Lambeth. It is also available on the Office for National Statistics website. **ACTION: MG**

12. Dates, Venues and Times of Future Meetings:

The following dates were agreed:

- 20th February 2023 – SACRE meeting 6-8pm via MS TEAMS
- Summer meeting – date TBC meeting 6-8pm in person
- SACRE Executive meeting – 13th July 2023 10am-12pm

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 7.40pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Chair of Lambeth SACRE