

**Lancashire SACRE**  
**Meeting to be held Monday 18 June 2012**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Quality and Standards Sub-group**  
**County Secretary and Solicitor's Meeting Room 1, Christ Church Precinct,**  
**County Hall, Preston**

**Thursday 17 May 2012**

**Present**

Mr P Martin  
Mrs K Cooper  
Dr M Craig  
CC P Malpas  
Mrs E Saunderson  
Mr R Waring  
Mr F Williams

Helen Harrison

**Representing**

ASCL (Chair)  
LASGB  
Bahá'i (Observer)  
Lancashire County Council  
Society of Friends (Observer)  
ATL  
Lancashire County Council

RE Consultant

**Officers in Attendance**

Jonathan Hewitt  
Josh Mynott  
Katrina Dale

Officer to the SACRE, CYP  
Democratic Services  
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**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr A Brennand, Ms J Clarke, Imam O Data, Mr D Fann, Mr F Farrell, Ms C Mercier, CC Y Motala, Mrs J Sawyer, Mrs J Singh, CC A Thornton and Mr C Wills.

**Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 January 2012 and matters arising**

It was noted that Mrs Kathleen Cooper had presented her apologies for the meeting on 17 January 2012 but that this had not been shown in the minutes.

With regard to the minute 'RE Quality Mark' it was reported that the pilot scheme was now well under way with the Consultant to the Lancashire SACRE engaged as a pilot assessor. So far, two primary schools in Lancashire had achieved silver awards with two schools still to be assessed.

**Resolved:** That the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2012, subject to the amendment being made, be agreed as a true record.

## **Membership Issues**

The Officer to the SACRE suggested that the two vacancies on the SACRE for representatives from the Church of England Diocese of Bradford and Ripon and Leeds and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Salford be raised with their respective officers at the Diocesan and Church Liaison Group which was due to take place on 19 July 2012. It was noted that the new General Manager from the Lancashire Council of Mosques had recently contacted the Clerk regarding the Muslim representation on the SACRE to discuss the possibility of making a new nomination.

## **Arrangements for the SACRE meeting in Burnley on 18 June 2012**

It was noted that the Mayor and Mayoress of Burnley would welcome members to Burnley at the start of the next meeting which was to be held at the Burnley and Pendle Faith Centre on 18 June 2012 in order to help raise the profile of the tenth anniversary celebrations of Building Bridges in Burnley.

The Officer to the SACRE will contact the new head of the Faith Centre, when appointed, with a request for them to speak at the meeting about the work of the Faith Centre and the potential for working with the SACRE in the future.

Any information produced regarding the week long celebrations will be sent to members when available.

## **Review of the SACRE Development Plan 2011/13**

Members were asked to consider and agree in principle a format which the Officer to the SACRE and the RE Consultant had drawn up for reporting interim updates of the Development Plan to the full SACRE. The format consisted of two additional sections for each priority:

- evaluation of the progress made to date and
- matters arising/next steps – (in the form of questions)

It was envisaged that the full SACRE, at its next meeting, will be asked to split into groups to each consider a priority. In doing so, the groups will work and report back at the meeting on the questions raised in the matters arising/next steps section.

**Resolved:** That the format of providing interim updates to SACRE on the SACRE three year Development Plan, as discussed, be agreed.

## **Training for SACRE members**

In considering the Development Plan in the previous item, questions had been raised regarding how RE sat within the curriculum and the SACRE's position regarding Collective Worship. It was suggested that the leaflet 'What is Lancashire SACRE' which explained what the SACRE was and what it aspired to should be updated and then be used as a starting point for a training item for all SACRE members.

It was also suggested that training needs for SACRE members could be discussed by the SACRE in group format at a future meeting.

**Resolved:** i) That the leaflet 'what is Lancashire SACRE?' be updated.  
ii) That training needs for SACRE members be discussed in group format at a future meeting of the SACRE.

## **Discussion of situation regarding lobbying for RE as a subject by the SACRE**

Members discussed the national position of RE against the decision not to include it as part of the English Baccalaureate. It was suggested that the SACRE would continue to share its views nationally whilst ensuring that the Cabinet Member for Children and Schools be kept informed of any intended course of action.

## **Attendance at Quality and Standards Sub-group meetings**

A further request would be made at the full SACRE for members with capacity to attend the Quality and Standards Sub-group meetings.

## **Support for SACRE**

The Officer to the SACRE presented a report on support for the SACRE for 2012-2013 which formed the basis of the bid for funding from the Authority.

This will be provided as follows:

- Administrative support in working with schools on RE and the Agreed Syllabus
- The provision of an Officer to the SACRE
- Specialist RE support from an RE consultant (29 days)
- Funding for the Youth SACRE and Youth Conference

Funding for Advanced Skills Teachers (1 primary, 1secondary) is expected to cease at the end of March 2013 and there is therefore a need to develop new means of support for the teaching and learning of RE in schools.

- Funding is available for one more year of network meetings and the expectation was that the AST primary would be able to build up a 'self help' group to take this forward but this would then have to become self funded.
- At primary level, the 'leading teacher' model could be developed – head teachers might be asked to make certain teachers available for five days a year to provide RE support in other schools
- At secondary level, there was the possibility of the appointment of a 'specialist leader in education' (SLE) but this would rely on secondary teaching schools identifying such a post

### **Date of the Next Meeting**

It was noted that the date of the next meeting of the Quality and Standards Sub-group was Tuesday 17 July 2012, to take place at 10am at County Hall, Preston.

Members also agreed the following dates for further meetings of the QSS:

Thursday 8 November 2012	10am
Tuesday 5 February 2013	10am
Tuesday 21 May 2013	10am

It was proposed that the date of the summer meeting of the SACRE in 2013 be moved from Monday 10 June 2013 to Monday 17 June 2013 to better fit with the County Council elections and that the full SACRE be asked to agree this at its next meeting.

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