

Lancashire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 30 April 2018 at 10.00 am at Ghausia Mosque, Abel Street, Burnley

Attendees

Teacher Associations	Mr P Martin (ASCL) (Chair) Ms J Gordon (ATL) Ms J Crabtree (NUT)
Church of England	Mr J Wilson Mrs J O'Rourke
Methodist Church	Ms R Slaney
Lancashire County Council	CC A Cheetham CC P Steen CC Y Motala (Vice Chair)
Representing Islam	Mufti J Pathan Mr A H Qureshi Mufti K Ibrahim
Representing Higher Education	Mrs C Reade Ms S Elton-Chalcraft
Representing the LASGB	Mrs K Cooper
The Faith Centre	Mr A Anwar

Observers

Representing the Bahá'í Faith	Dr Malcolm Craig
Members of the public	Mr M Wilson Ms R Latif

Officers

Mrs A Lloyd – Advisor (School Improvement), Lancashire County Council, Children and Young People Directorate

Mrs M Mahmood – Senior Democratic Services Officer, Lancashire County Council, Legal and Democratic Services

1. Tour of the Mosque

The meeting started with a tour of the Ghausia Mosque and Mr A Anwar provided members with a detailed overview of the mosque and its history which members found interesting and informative.

The Chair thanked Mr A Anwar and all at Ghausia mosque for their hospitality and the opportunity for SACRE members to visit. It was pleasing it was to see so many SACRE members in attendance.

2. 10 Minute Break and Networking Opportunity

A 10 minute break and networking opportunity was provided to SACRE members.

3. Apologies

Apologies were received from Ms L Horobin, Mrs H Shukla, Mr B McMullen, Ms J Roper, Ms J Harris, Mr K Pagpa, Mrs H Sage, CC S Malik, Mrs T Safraz,

The Chair highlight that Mr A Anwar had recently been honoured with an MBE Award for his services to community cohesion in Burnley. The announcement was made on the 29 December 2017 and Mr A Anwar would soon be visiting London to accept his award. Lancashire SACRE members congratulated Mr A Anwar on his achievement.

Members took a moment to remember Mr Terry Murnane who had sadly passed away over the weekend following a stroke some months ago.

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4. Minutes of the last meeting 27 November 2017

The following amendments were noted:

The minutes of the last meeting held on 27 November 2017 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. The correct spelling for Mr A Anwar and Ms N McDermott were noted.

5. Draft Development Plan

An updated Draft Development Plan was circulated to members. Mrs A Lloyd informed members that at the last meeting of the QSS, the sub group had evaluated the Draft Development Plan. The document was still in draft form and it was up to the SACRE members to consider and make any necessary changes.

Mrs A Lloyd talked through each of the key priorities and highlighted the following points:

Key Priority 1 – To raise standards by improving the quality of teaching, learning and assessment in Religious Education.

- 1.1** There was a desire to improve the paper syllabus so that it was more accessible and user friendly. Cumbria's syllabus had been highlighted as good practice, this exercise would take place over the summer.
- 1.2** It was hoped that links would be built on between schools, this target would take some time to establish fully. Through the school visits by SACRE members, schools that could be visited were being identified.
- 1.3** Schools could go to the website and identify support they needed and contact teachers directly. The support from the consultants had made a significant difference.
- 1.4** The assessment system was being continually developed.
- 1.5** An R.E. self-evaluation tool specifically for Lancashire schools had been considered.

Key Priority 2 – The SACRE works in effective partnership with the LA to monitor and evaluate standards for the quality of provision in R.E. in Lancashire schools.

- 2.1** Assessment and attainment data would continue to be collected at the end of the year. The questionnaire for KS3 would also be sent out and Ofsted reports would still be monitored.

Key Priority 3 – To improve the provision of collective worship.

- 3.1** The SACRE QSS agreed to look at the mirrors and doors support materials and guidance with a view to update it.

Key Priority 4 – To ensure that the SACRE is effectively managed and works close cooperation with the LA and other key stakeholders.

- 4.1** There was now a representative from the Methodist Church. Representation from Buddhism and Sikhism was still required. It was agreed the Sikh community in Preston would be contacted again. A process for long term nonattendance at SACRE meetings was discussed. The attendance list was published annually for the Annual Report, it was suggested attendance should be reviewed at this stage and those that had regularly not attended without good reason should be contacted to ask if they wished to continue being a SACRE representative.
- 4.2** A full induction programme had been provided to new SACRE members in September 2017.
- 4.4** There was an increased number of academies that now bought into the Lancashire syllabus.
- 4.5** The SACRE worked positively with other national organisations. Ben Wood would be invited to a future SACRE meeting to give a presentation.
- 4.6** There had been lots of work ongoing such as the Youth Debate and the conference at Broughton High School. Another debate had been planned for September at County Hall.

Key Priority 5 – To develop the contribution of RE to community cohesion

5.1 Mr A Anwar was working with Lancashire Forum of Faiths to further links with people of different faiths who could then be trained to present in front of pupils. So far 3 training sessions had been delivered, this would be further developed as a priority in the coming year.

It was noted that the service was now getting to the stage where it was paying for itself. Currently there were 40 service level agreements in place and Mr A Anwar had worked with over 60 schools this year. Mr A Anwar updated members on a school linking programme which developed links between two schools that were significantly different to each other. The programme was being funded through the DCLG and to date 22 schools had already been linked through the programme. Due to the success of the video project between Blessed Trinity and Marsden Heights further funding had been granted for the same project to go ahead with different schools.

6. Introduction of Consultants and Training Programme

Mrs A Lloyd circulated details of training currently on offer for teachers:

- Training by Lat Baylock on the 16 May 2018 - Better R.E. in Lancashire for Teachers and Subject Leaders
- Teaching Islam in Primary Schools on the 10 July 2018
- Free Area Network Meetings were ongoing on various dates in June 2018.

The consultants were providing free training to all Blackpool schools as part of the agreement with Blackpool. Ms J Harris would be doing a half day presentation at the Halton Conference. Ms N McDermott had recently got married and was now Mrs N Holland.

7. Assessment Grids

Assessment Grids for Hindu Dharma and Islam were shared with members. Work was on-going to complete the other religions and teachers would need to familiarise themselves with the documents over the coming months. Feedback to date had been positive.

8. Report from the Faith Coordinator

In relation to the Blessed Trinity and Marsden Heights project, funding had been secured to bring the two schools together to deliver a joint project and produce three short videos. Mr A Anwar informed members that the launch event had taken place on the 2 February 2018 at Burnley Youth Theatre to launch the videos created by Marsden Heights and Blessed Trinity schools. Members of the SACRE were shown two clips from the videos highlighting the work of the young people. During the project the Manchester Arena bombing had taken place and it had a profound effect on the children and the direction of one of the videos was changed to reflect the feelings that young people were feeling following the events in Manchester.

Councillor Motala highlighted a recent event organised through the Preston and West Lancashire Racial and Equality Diversity Council, Standing Against Racism. The event was an annual one and was extremely useful.

9. Papers for Information

A copy of the latest newsletter was shared as part of the agenda papers for members.

The Association of Schools and College Leaders had issued advice on Ramadan: Exams and Tests for 2018. This was useful information and had been shared with all schools.

10. Visit to Schools

Another visit needed to be arranged for the autumn term. This item would be added to the July agenda for discussion.

11. Lancashire Youth Voice

There was no update to report.

12. Members' News

Mr A Qureshi updated members on some recent news across the community. A community cohesion pilot project whereby communities were invited into mosques and churches was ongoing. It was agreed Mr A Qureshi would speak to Mr A Anwar about suggestions around further community cohesion work.

13. Observers Contributions

Dr M Craig welcomed the strengthening of relations between primary, secondary and tertiary education.

14. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the SACRE will be held on Monday 9 July 2018 at 10.00am in Cabinet Room D, The Henry Bolingbroke Room at County Hall, Preston.

15. Optional Visit to Faith Centre

An optional visit to the Faith Centre was available to those members who wished to attend.

Paul Bond

Clerk to the SACRE