

## **Lancashire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 26th November, 2018 at 10.00 am  
in Committee Room 'D' (The Henry Bolingbroke Room) - County Hall,  
Preston**

### **Attendees:**

#### **Teacher Associations**

Mr P Martin (ASCL) (Chair)  
Ms J Gordon (ATL)  
Ms J Roper (NASUWT)  
Ms J Crabtree (NUT)

#### **Church of England**

Mr J Wilson  
Mrs J O'Rourke  
Mrs H Sage

#### **Roman Catholic**

Mr B McMullen

#### **Lancashire County Council**

CC A Cheetham

#### **Buddhism**

Mr K Pagpa

#### **Representing the LASGB**

Mrs K Cooper

#### **Representing Higher Education Sector**

Ms C Reade

### **In attendance:**

#### **Building Bridges Burley**

Ms B Foster  
Ms S Majeed

### **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

Mr G Harbison – Committee Support Officer, Lancashire County Council, Legal  
and Democratic Services

## **1. Annual General Meeting: Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

Peter Martin was proposed and seconded to be elected as Chair and County Councillor Yousuf Motala was proposed and seconded to be elected as Vice Chair.

## **2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from County Councillors S Malik, Y Motala P Steen, Ms S Elton-Chalcroft, Dr M Craig, Ms L Horobin, Ms J Price, Mrs T Safraz, Mrs H Shukla, Mr I Tailor and Mr F Williams.

## **3. Minutes of the last meeting held on 8 October 2018**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 8 October 2018 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

## **4. Building Bridges - Support for Schools**

The Chair welcomed Ms B Foster, a trustee from Building Bridges in Burnley and Ms S Majeed, Project Manager for Building Bridges in Burnley to the meeting.

SACRE members had received with their agenda a copy of the Service Level Agreement (SLA) agreed in September 2018 for Building Bridges in Burnley (BBB).

The work carried out previously by Mr A Anwar would continue under the new agreement with BBB. The offer to schools was to provide support to help schools identify interfaith and cultural awareness opportunities for their children, young people and families. Session times would be arranged to suit the needs of schools. Once the SLA had been rolled out the plan was to get schools to give dates for the whole year so these could be booked in advance. The SLA would be in place for a year from September.

BBB was founded in 2002 following the disturbances in Burnley. It was a registered charity promoting community cohesion and interfaith relations and was based at the Faith Centre in Burnley. BBB had experience of working in partnership with schools and colleges across the county to provide focus for the educational, personal and spiritual development of young people. They also advised and helped the schools and colleges develop their RE curriculum. They supported students and staff and offered activities to promote and develop community cohesion. Through facilitation and coordination the BBB's work played a pivotal role in promoting inclusion and community relations across Lancashire and beyond. SACRE was informed that a lot of School Advisors worked in neighbouring counties and the BBB had received independent requests from different authorities.

BBB was a partnership of faith groups and open to all individuals of faith and no faith who sought to contribute to the life and work of the area. BBB developed knowledge and understanding of different faiths. It encouraged faith development without compromising anyone's religious or faith beliefs.

BBB worked with schools to provide specialist support to embed British values into the curriculum, promoting tolerance, respect and clear understanding of the diverse communities and their contribution to British society. BBB work was all about bringing people together. THE BBB was involved with schools and colleges in promoting spiritual, moral, social and cultural development (SMSC).

This area of work was a valued resource which was frequently praised by Ofsted as being instrumental in promoting community cohesion.

SACRE was informed that a recruitment event for BBB was being held on the evening of 12 February 2019. Different churches and mosques, etc. would be invited to the event.

## **5. Draft Annual Report**

A copy of the Draft Annual report was circulated to all SACRE members at the meeting. Mrs A Lloyd explained that the annual report needed to be submitted by January 2019 and asked SACRE members for feedback and to consider if anything was missing from the draft report.

It was noted that the draft report stated that two representatives from Edge Hill University were currently co-opted as members of the SACRE. This was not the case and it would be amended to state it was two representatives from the University of Cumbria. Members were asked to check their attendance over the past year.

Concerns were raised over Key Stage 4 data which showed that the standard had shifted from above the national average to below the national standard over the last 3 years and was not where it should be at Key Stage 4. Members discussed ways of tackling the issue and it was suggested that school governors could be included in discussions. Mrs K Cooper informed members that there was communication which was circulated to all governors each term and she would try and share some information in this way. Network meetings for secondary school teachers was also discussed as an option, Mrs A Lloyd would look into this.

SACRE members would feedback and comment on the Draft Annual Report to Mrs A Lloyd before January 2019.

## **6. 10 Minute Break and Networking Opportunity**

SACRE members had a break to network with each other.

## **7. Feedback NNW Hub Meeting**

The NNW Hub meeting took place on Wednesday 14 November. Agenda items had included membership issues, approved places of worship and the constitution. It was noted that some of the SACREs did not have a formal constitution or Terms of Reference. In regards to speakers at events and training it was noted that every local authority was using the same three speakers at their meetings.

SACRE members were informed that in Lancashire it was a statutory requirement for the SACRE to meet as a minimum once a year, currently meetings were held four times a year and an additional four meetings of the SACRE QSS took place, however the frequency and day of the QSS was currently being looked at.

## **8. Evaluations of Recent Training**

Mrs A Lloyd informed members that a Lat Blaylock training had taken place at Farington Lodge and 28 people had attended. The feedback had been very positive. The ongoing free network meetings were also very well received.

## **9. Visit to Schools**

It was noted that at the QSS meetings all Ofsted reports had been looked at. One school that had been identified with good feedback was Moorside Primary School in Lancaster. It was thought to be a good idea for SACRE to arrange a visit to this school next term, possibly January. 2 members of SACRE volunteered to visit the school and Alison Lloyd would speak to the head teacher to arrange the details for the visit.

Mrs J O'Rourke informed SACRE members that she had visited her old school, Marsden Heights in Brierfield. It had done fantastic work in challenging circumstances and there was an Inspiration Room which Building Bridges had helped to develop. Mrs J Rourke would do a write up on her visit for the next SACRE newsletter.

## **10. Pupil Debate**

Mrs M Mahmood informed SACRE that the Pupil Debate had been narrowed down to two dates January 2019. An email would be sent to SACRE members when a final date was confirmed.

## **11. Lancashire Youth Voice**

There was nothing to report on the Lancashire Youth Voice.

## **12. Members' News**

There was no member's news.

### **13. Observers' Contributions**

Members stated that Bea Foster, a trustee from Building Bridges in Burnley; and Sajda Majeed, Project Manager for Building Bridges in Burnley had given an excellent presentation. It was suggested that it would be a good idea for them to attend the SACRE meetings on a regular basis. The constitution would be looked at but in the meantime they could attend SACRE meetings as observers. Sadjia could provide a verbal update at a future meeting on how many schools were using Building Bridges.

### **14. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the SACRE would be held at 10:00am on Monday 11 February 2019 in Cabinet Room D – The Henry Bolingbroke Room, at County Hall, Preston.

Paul Bond  
Clerk to the SACRE

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Preston