

Lancashire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 3rd February, 2020 at 10.00 am in Committee Room 'D' - The Henry Bolingbroke Room, County Hall, Preston

Attendees

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| Teachers Associations | Mr P Martin (ASCL - Chair) K Stephens (NAHT) |
| Church of England | Mr J Wilson Mrs J O'Rourke |
| Lancashire County Council | County Councillor A Cheetham County Councillor B Dawson* County Councillor A Ali County Councillor P Steen |
| Higher Education Sector | Ms C Reade |
| Jewish | Mr R Ash |
| Hinduism | Mrs H Shukla |

Observers

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| The Bahá'í Faith | Dr Malcolm Craig |
| Buddhism | Darren McMinn |

*County Councillor Bernard Dawson replaced County Councillor Yousuf Motala for this meeting.

Officers

Mrs A Lloyd – Advisor (School Improvement), Lancashire County Council

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

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs K Cooper, CC Y Motala, Ms L Horobin, Mr K Pagpa, Ms J Roper, Mrs S Elton-Chalcraft, Ms H Sage and Ms Lisa Horobin.

2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 25 November 2019

The minutes of the last meeting held on 25 November 2019 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

3. SACRE Newsletter Spring 2020

The Chair thanked Mrs A Lloyd and all those that had contributed to the development of the latest newsletter which was presented to SACRE Members. An update report on Interfaith Week was presented by Malcolm Craig as part of the newsletter and thanks was extended for his contribution. Guidance on a parent's right to withdraw their child from R.E. was also provided as part of the newsletter and a brief introduction to the three R.E. consultants was also provided.

4. Annual SACRE Conference 2020

The NASACRE Annual Conference would be held on Monday 18 May 2020 in London, the Chair and Mrs A Lloyd would attend on behalf of Lancashire SACRE. The keynote speaker will be Mathew Purves, Ofsted's Deputy Director, Schools and a number of workshops would be offered to attendees during the afternoon session. Feedback would be provided at a future SACRE meeting.

5. School Visits

The school visit that had been planned for Westwood Primary School in Clayton-Le-Woods on Wednesday 22 January 2020 had been cancelled by the Head Teacher due to unforeseen circumstances.

In light of this, Mrs A Lloyd had selected a further two schools for SACRE members to consider and provided information on each. A discussion took place about which school should be visited next and following a suggestion, it was agreed that the R.E. leads could instead be invited to a meeting of SACRE in the autumn term.

In regards to inspections, Mrs A Lloyd provided clarity on the 'deep dive' inspections, it was noted there had not been any so far in Lancashire for R.E.

6. 10 Minute Break and Networking Opportunity

A 10 minute break and networking opportunity was taken.

7. Annual Report 2018/19

The final version of the Lancashire SACRE Annual Report for 2018/19 had been circulated at the last Lancashire SACRE QSS meeting. This had now been sent to NASACRE and the Department for Education. NASACRE had acknowledged receipt of the report.

The Chair extended thanks to Mrs A Lloyd and all those involved in preparing the report.

8. Recruitment for Consultants

Mrs A Lloyd informed SACRE members that they had recently recruited two R.E. lead teachers to support Ms J Harris. This had really helped to increase capacity and all exemplifications for secondary years had now been completed, a meeting would take place next week to begin writing the exemplifications for primary years. The two new teachers were Helen Hall from Lea Community Primary School and Natalie Gould from Bradley Primary School.

9. Preparations for Agreed Syllabus Conference

Mrs A Lloyd informed SACRE members that every 5 years it was necessary for the local authority to review its agreed syllabus, in order to do this an Agreed Syllabus Conference needed to be established. A new syllabus would need to be confirmed by September 2021. It was noted that significant changes would not be necessary to the syllabus.

10. Lancashire Youth Voice

It was agreed that the Lancashire Youth Voice could be considered as an item at the next Lancashire SACRE QSS meeting to see if anything could be done about this. It was suggested that SACRE members could perhaps attend a school instead.

11. Correspondence

An update report from Burnley Building Bridges Interfaith Schools Project was provided. There was now 39 primary, 1 secondary and 2 colleges that were signed up to SLA agreements.

Ms H Shukla shared details of a Festival of Culture 2020 event that was due to take place on the 14 March 2020, details would be circulated to Mrs M Mahmood who would circulate to all SACRE members.

12. Members' News

There was nothing to report.

13. Observers' Contributions

The Chair thanked Darren McMinn for attending the meeting.

15. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the SACRE would be held at 10:00am on Monday 27 April 2020 in Cabinet Room D – The Henry Bolingbroke Room, at County Hall, Preston.

Paul Bond
Clerk to the SACRE

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