

**Lancashire SACRE**  
**Meeting to be held on 28 November 2011**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Quality and Standards Sub-group**  
**Tuesday 8 November 2011**  
**Cabinet Room A, County Hall, Preston**

**Minutes**

**Present**

Mr P Martin  
Mrs K Cooper  
CC P Malpas  
Mrs J Sawyer

**Representing**

ASCL (Chair)  
LASGB  
Lancashire County Council  
Teachers in the Primary Sector

Helen Harrison

**RE Consultant**

**Officers in Attendance**

Jonathan Hewitt  
Josh Mynott  
Katrina Dale

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr A Brennand, Dr M Craig, Imam O Data, CC K Ellard, Mr D Fann, Ms L Heaton, CC Y Motala, Mrs H Sage, Mrs J Singh, CC A Thornton, Mr F Williams.

**Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 September 2011 and matters arising**

**Resolved:** That the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2011 be agreed as a true record.

**Membership Update**

Following the recent approach by the British Humanist Society for a Humanist representative on the SACRE, members discussed the possibility of drawing up a simple protocol for dealing with requests from groups not already represented on the SACRE. It was suggested that the protocol might take into account the following criteria:

- Whether the group represented a significant faith group in Lancashire

- Demonstration by the group of a clear commitment to the principles, aims and objectives of SACRE
- Whether the addition of the group's representative would benefit the teaching of RE in Lancashire schools
- The possibility of a regular formal review of the membership

The request was made for officers to draw up a draft protocol to be put before the SACRE for consideration and approval at its meeting on 28 November 2011.

**Resolved:** That:

i) A draft protocol be drawn up regarding requests for membership of the SACRE by groups not already represented

ii) The draft protocol be presented for consideration and approval by the SACRE at its meeting on 28 November 2011,

### **Progress in implementing the Lancashire SACRE Development Plan 2011-2013**

Members received an update on the progress to date in the implementation of the Development Plan. The group agreed that the update should be presented to SACRE at its next meeting on 28 November 2011.

**Resolved:** That an update on progress in the implementation of the SACRE Development Plan 2011 -2013 be presented to the SACRE at its meeting of 28 November 2011.

### **Youth SACRE/Youth Voice Update**

A first meeting of the Youth SACRE was to take place on Friday 11 November 2011 at the Vajravarahti Buddhist Centre, Preston.

Schools supporting the Youth SACRE this year would include Broughton Business and Enterprise College, Hollins Technology College, Ashton Community Science College and Worden Sports College.

The Youth SACRE would be asked to formulate ideas for the Annual Youth Conference. The suggestion was made that the Youth SACRE, in order to progress the Development Plan, be asked to look into parental attitudes to RE and to consider how the SACRE might engage with parents. This work would be carried out in conjunction with their schools' RE departments.

It was noted that students from Broughton Business and Enterprise College would report back to the SACRE on progress at the meeting on 28 November 2011.

### **SACRE Annual Report 2010/11**

It was noted that the draft Annual Report 2010/11 was now complete excepting inclusion of the data analysis, and was ready for formal approval by the SACRE. It was suggested that Paul Dyson-Knight, Senior Adviser, Directorate for Children and Young People, be invited to the SACRE meeting on 28 November 2011, to explain how the data would be presented.

**Resolved:** That Paul Dyson-Knight be invited to present the data for inclusion in the Annual Report 2010 – 2011, at the SACRE meeting on 28 November 2011.

### **Information to Schools on Curriculum Changes**

- a) Members noted a letter which Buckinghamshire County Council School Improvement Team had sent to Headteachers and which clarified the position regarding RE and the curriculum.

Members discussed the value of sending out a similar letter to Lancashire headteachers via the Schools Portal, and it was suggested that the Chairman draft such a letter which the SACRE would be asked to consider and approve at its next meeting. The letter would be sent first to secondary headteachers and headteachers of special schools deemed secondary. Primary headteachers would receive a communication in the Spring Term 2012 to coincide with information on the Agreed Syllabus and the planned national curriculum revision.

Jonathan Hewitt would share the draft letter at a meeting of the Lancashire Associations of Secondary School Headteachers taking place on 18 November 2011.

- b) Members noted a document which provided the rationale behind the Buckinghamshire Agreed Syllabus. It was suggested that this was a useful point of start for self evaluation and that the SACRE might work on this in the future.

**Resolved:** That the Chairman draft a letter to Lancashire secondary headteachers clarifying the position of RE and the curriculum, for consideration by the SACRE at the meeting of 28 November 2011.

## **Agreed Syllabus Feedback**

Members noted feedback from schools on the recently revised Agreed Syllabus which had been summarised by Jo Crabtree.

The generally positive response to the Syllabus was highlighted and the following key issues were identified:

- The web site and its complication: members noted that more work would be needed to simplify its usage by reducing the number of 'clicks' needed to access different information.
- Gaining access: currently if somebody was unable to access the Agreed Syllabus, there was note on the web site asking them to contact Hayley Wiggins of the School Improvement Team. Students, for example, were then given access to a pdf summary document, free of charge, as they would be unlikely to use it for commercial gain.

However, as the new agreed syllabus gained interest nationally, and provided a service by being constantly updated, it was now felt that there was a need for the SACRE to consider marketing, giving consideration to access and deciding upon a fee structure. It was suggested that a sample of the syllabus could be put on the web site for people to view and upon purchase they could be provided with a password which could be updated periodically.

**Resolved:** That the SACRE be asked to consider the possibility of marketing the new Lancashire Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education.

## **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 January 2012, to take place at 10am at County Hall, Preston.

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