

Lancashire SACRE - Quality and Standards Sub-group

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 13th October, 2015 at 10.00 am in Cabinet Room 'B' - The Diamond Jubilee Room, County Hall, Preston

Teacher Associations Mr P Martin (ASCL) – Chair
Mrs A Robinson (ATL)
Mr S Ud-din (LASGB)

Church of England Mr J Wilson

LCC County Councillor A Cheetham
County Councillor P Buckley

Officers in attendance

Mr J Hewitt – Head of School Improvement, Lancashire County Council, Children and Young People Directorate

Mr H Patel – Democratic Services Officer, Lancashire County Council, Office of the Chief Executive

Ms A Lloyd – School Improvement Advisor, Lancashire County Council

Mr A Anwar – Asset Management Community Faith Coordinator, Lancashire County Council

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Mr Arasiab Anwar who would be contributing to Item 6 and also Ms Alison Lloyd who was attending the meeting as an observer.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Vijayanti Chauhan, Harsha Shukla, Joan O'Rourke, County Councillor Y Motala, Joanne Harris, Kath Cooper, Malcolm Craig and Moira Pate.

Sam Ud-din replaced Kath Cooper for this meeting as a representative of LASGB.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

It was noted that Ian Young's signature on the minutes for the last meeting of the Quality and Standards Sub-group should have 'Clerk to the SACRE' beneath his name instead of his full job title.

Resolved: That, with the exception of the information noted, the minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2015 be confirmed as a correct record.

3. SACRE Development Plan 2015/16

The sub-group was informed of the discussion that took place at the meeting of the full SACRE in September, and the issues and suggestions that were raised were incorporated into the revised Development Plan presented.

Priority 1 – The sub-group suggested that the success criteria should highlight how SACRE makes an impact, especially referencing the impact that is created from visiting schools. Therefore, further wording has been added to incorporate the visits by members. It was also noted that, following a query on the collection of assessment results at Key Stages 1 and 2, the closing date for this would be extended to 23 October 2015.

Priority 2 – An issue was raised on Objective 'A' regarding the accessibility of the Agreed Syllabus on the website, and it was said in response to this that the password was readily as it was available but would not be put on the website protected site. With reference to Objective 'D', the text had been amended to emphasise work in partnership.

Priority 3 – Responding to an issue on the provision of collective worship, the sub- group was advised that many schools work differently when discussing this particular topic and gathering information from individual schools was difficult – following on from this, members agreed that there was a clear problem when it came to schools confusing collective worship with 'assembly'.

Priority 4 – There were no suggested changes from the previous meeting, but the sub-group discussed the potential to reinvigorate Youth Voice to try and increase attendance – examples of this included developing the Young Ambassador Scheme and splitting Youth Voice into separate events.

Priority 5 – Further text was added to Objective 'B' regarding the issue of encouraging interfaith groups.

As part of succession planning, it was reported that Alison Lloyd would be taking over from Jonathan Hewitt, as the Officer to the SACRE after the annual general meeting in November. Professional leadership activity would still be carried out by Joanne Harris and Jo Crabtree as well as any other supporting practitioners.

Resolved:

- i. That the following actions be carried out per priority:
 - a. **Priority 2:**
 - i. That the website continue to be monitored for improvements to navigation

- ii. That, following members suggestions, 'Google Analytics' be considered for the website to calculate the demographic(s) of website users
- b. **Priority 3:**
 - i. That support for teachers and head teachers on Collective Worship be continued
- c. **Priority 4:**
 - i. That Youth Voice be reviewed

4. Annual Report

The draft report for 2015 was presented to the sub-group. This is based upon the structure from the NASACRE Guidance including advice given to the Council, schools etc. It was, however, noted that no major pieces of advice were provided within the last year, and no complaints had been received.

Attainment data on RE for 2014 – 2015 was presented to the sub-group , highlighting the fact that the attainment for Key Stages 1 – 3 had all improved on 2014, as collected from 45% of Primary schools and 25% of Secondary schools. It was also recognised that awards had been received by 4 new schools – members suggested that this information be recognised by the Full Council as both a record of achievement and an insight into the work of the SACRE for other councillors.

It was concluded that the final draft of the annual report would be presented at the annual general meeting of the SACRE in November. Several particular areas of strengths were voiced by members; the SACRE's work in community cohesion, Youth Voice, the NNW Hub, the support and the commitment from County Councillors and other members of SACRE. The fact that Lancashire's Agreed Syllabus was being used by some other local authorities was also highlighted as a strength.

5. Youth Voice

The sub-group agreed, due to Joanne Harris' absence, that the report on Youth Voice be deferred to the AGM of the full SACRE in November.

6. Working in partnership with the Community Faith Coordinator

Afrasiab Anwar was introduced to the board as a Community Faith Coordinator from the Burnley & Pendle Faith Centre. Information was presented to members on the services offered by the traded service of the Faith Centre, as well as how many schools had bought into these services to take part in visits to several places of worship around Lancashire.

Members were provided with a document from Stoneyholme Community Primary School, which evaluated the work carried out by the Faith Centre in a positive light, as well as a brochure advertising the Burnley & Pendle Faith Centre. It was

also noted that assemblies and training carried out touched on particular issues such as collective worship.

The Community Faith Coordinator was conscious that transport costs were often prohibitive, and the Faith Centre has begun to take their services to the schools as an alternative. Another key issue raised was that the funding for the Faith Centre was under review, and so a re-shaped offer should be considered to offer to schools which are interested in the visits.

Suggestions were raised by members including the possibility of classes from different schools twinning to attend/receive visits from the Faith Centre together, and for the Faith Centre to broaden its offers to the wider community (police etc.)

Resolved: That Afrasiab Anwar be invited to future meetings of the full SACRE and Sub-group as a co-opted member.

7. NNW Hub Meeting Report

There was nothing to report for the NNW Hub.

The sub-group was asked if anything should be raised as an item for the next meeting's agenda, and it was suggested that the Burnley faith centre be advertised as an available, traded service.

8. Visit to Schools

The sub-group was informed that contact had been made with some schools for visiting by members at the meeting of the full SACRE in September, and further contact would be made with head teachers to arrange these visits.

9. Agreed Syllabus Review

The sub-group was informed that the Agreed Syllabus review would be finalised in March. The Agreed Syllabus Conference will be established in November 2015.

10. Future plans for SACRE

Jonathan Hewitt advised the sub-group that information on available resources, funding and the planned structure of support for the rest of 2016 would be presented in April, following a discussion to be held between himself, Joanne Harris, Jo Crabtree, Alison Lloyd and Afrasiab Anwar.

11. National Update

There was nothing to report for the National Update.

12. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Sub-group will be held at 10am on 11 January 2016, in Cabinet Room B – the Diamond Jubilee Room at County Hall, Preston.

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