

Lancashire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 9 July 2018 at 10.00 am in The Henry Bolingbroke Room (Cabinet Room D) at County Hall, Preston

Attendees

Teacher Associations

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

Church of England

Mr J Wilson
Mrs J O'Rourke

Lancashire County Council

CC A Cheetham
CC Y Motala (Vice Chair)
Mr Francis Williams

Representing Islam

Representative for Mufti K Ibrahim:
Rizwana Ibrahim and Yasmin

Representing Hinduism

Mrs H Shukla

Representing the LASGB

Mrs K Cooper

The Faith Centre

Mr A Anwar

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. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs N Chappelow, Mrs H Sage, Mr I Tailor, Ms L Horobin, Mr K Pagpa, Ms J Price, Dr M Craig, Dr S Elton-Chalcraft, Ms C Reade, Mr A Qureshi, Mufti K Ibrahim (representatives sent), and Mrs T Safraz.

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2. Minutes of the last meeting 30 April 2018

The minutes of the last meeting held on 30 April 2018 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Mr Francis Williams apologised retrospectively for not being at the meeting due to car trouble.

3. NASCRE Conference Feedback

The NASACRE Silver Jubilee 25th Anniversary Conference – Stronger Together, Celebrating the Power of Community took place on the 24 May 2018 at Merchant Taylors' Hall in London. The Chair, Mr P Martin and Mrs A Lloyd attended on behalf of Lancashire SACRE.

The keynote speaker was Professor Vanessa Ogden, CEO of Mulberry Schools Trust, a predominately Muslim girls' school which was visited by Michelle Obama during her visit some years ago. Professor Ogden talked about the progress that had been made over the past 25 years, but highlighted that there had been a deep change in personal attitudes over the last 5 years and that dialogue was the crucible of mutual understanding.

Also in attendance was former MP Charles Clarke who paid tribute to the work of SACRE's over the past 25 years in promoting cohesion between communities and in encouraging tolerance in religions. The day included group work and discussions about a range of questions raised by the Commission of Religious Education (CoRE). The Westhill Awards were discussed and three projects were outlined to the audience that had won awards. A possible submission to next year's awards could be considered.

4. Training Report and Consultant Update

Mrs A Lloyd informed Members that there were now two consultants in post as Mrs N Holland had taken up a new post in Jersey. A new round of recruitment to replace Mrs N Holland and to fill other vacancies was ongoing and the deadline for applications was the end of the week. The next meeting with the consultants was due to take place on the 10 July.

Lat Blaylock's first course had taken place at Farington Lodge, attendance numbers had been relatively low but the feedback had been very positive. There had been 3 network meetings which had been very well attended. It was hoped that an additional network meeting would be arranged in Ormskirk due to the demand for support in the area. The next planned meeting would now take place in the autumn. The training on Islam scheduled for the 10 July had been postponed until the autumn due to low numbers.

Ms J Harris had recently presented at the Halton Conference and there was free training ongoing for Blackpool schools as part of the arrangements to sign them up to the Lancashire syllabus.

5. New Resources: Assessment Grids and Long Term Curriculum

An assessment grid for Christianity had now been completed, adding to the ones already done for Islam and Hinduism. The Judaism assessment grid was next on the list. The grids were an extremely useful means to explaining the progressive learning and in understanding what knowledge was needed behind each idea. It was hoped that an assessment grid for all religions could be completed in the summer.

6. Newsletter

Mrs A Lloyd shared a copy of the latest newsletter, they were still struggling with the layout of the newsletter since Ms Fi Holland had left but they were getting there.

It was noted that the newsletter was shared as widely as possible and was available on the website and went out to all the schools via the school portal.

7. NNW Hub Meeting

The last NNW Hub meeting took place on the 26 June and agenda topics included the Westhill Awards, NASACRE Conference feedback and withdrawal for Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormon pupils. The following points were noted:

- Cumbria had won a Westhill Award.
- As Lat Blaylock would be contributing to everyone's conferences it was suggested that one single conference could be held for all in the NNW area.
- The NASCRE quiz had been removed from the website and a request had been made for it to be made available on the website again.

8. Speakers

For the next meeting of the Lancashire SACRE on 8 October 2018, Mr Ben Wood had been invited to talk to SACRE members. Mr Wood was the Head of R.E. at Haslingden High School and had recently become the chair of NATRE. The Chair praised the wonderful work Mr Wood had conducted in the last 10 years and encouraged all SACRE members not to miss the next meeting.

9. School Visits

There had been 2 school visits in the last year, it was hoped the next visit could be arranged for autumn. Mrs A Lloyd would identify some potential schools for the visit and Mrs K Cooper volunteered to attend the next visit.

10. Lancashire Youth Voice

It was hoped another student debate would be planned for the autumn, Mrs A Lloyd would confirm the date as soon as it had been agreed with Ms J Harris.

11. Members' News

Mr A Anwar informed members that a Prevent Conference had taken place and head teachers from Lancashire schools were in attendance, there was over 150 delegates at the event. Mr A Anwar had the opportunity to present the short videos that had been developed as part of a funded project between Marsden Heights and Blessed Trinity schools, the videos were extremely well received.

12. Observers Contributions

There was nothing further to add.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the SACRE will be held on Monday 8 October 2018 at 10.00am in Cabinet Room D, The Henry Bolingbroke Room at County Hall, Preston.

Paul Bond

Clerk to the SACRE