

CALDERDALE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
CALDERDALE STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Minutes of SACRE Meeting (AGM)
Thursday 23 June 2022
6.00 pm
Virtual Meeting

Members in attendance:

Committee A

Representing Other Denominations & Faiths	Mr Frederick Naftel (Part) Mr Jake Womack
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Committee B

Representing the Church of England	No members present
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Committee C

Teachers/Unions	Ms Shelagh Hirst (SH) (Chair) Mr Mark Sharp (MS)
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Committee D

Representing Calderdale Council	Cllr Brenda Monteith (BM) Cllr Dot Foster (DF)
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In attendance

Mrs Debby Simpson – Clerk (DS) Mr Ian Ross (IR)
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Quorum for the meeting is 1 representative from each of the 4 Committees

FORMAL BUSINESS

a. Welcome and Apologies

It was noted that the meeting was not quorate so items b, c, d, e, and f will need to be formally agreed at the next meeting.

IR welcomed everyone to the meeting. No introductions were necessary.

Apologies had been received from RB, TB, AK, RM

b. Election of Chair

SH had said she was happy to carry on as Chair for another year. No other nominations had been received. Members were happy for SH to continue for a further year. **To be confirmed at next meeting.**

c. Election of Vice Chair

No nominations had been submitted. MS was happy to carry on for the next year. Members were happy to agree this. **To be confirmed at next meeting.**

d. Election of Group Chairs and Vice Chairs for groups, A, B, C and D

It was agreed as in previous years that these will be called upon only if needed as a Chair of Committees was only needed for 3 groups for the Agreed Syllabus. **To be confirmed at next meeting.**

e. Membership Review

Membership of SACRE was looked at. There were a number of members who had not attended or given apologies for over 2 years. It was agreed that these would be taken off the membership:

IR had written to the Archdeacon of Halifax to encourage any interested parties for Committee B (Church of England). Members can also look to see if they can find anyone interested to take up the position.

IR had also discussed non attendance with NASACRE who had advised that if a member had not attended for 3 meetings without apologies then they should be written to in order to let them know that they are being removed.

The following people were discussed:

Rupert Madeley (Committee B): Rupert had recently had issue with emails but had attended the previous Kirklees meeting. As he was a member at both Kirklees and

Calderdale SACRE's it was agreed that he would attend each Committee alternately.
To be confirmed at next meeting.

James Allinson (Committee B), Ian Ross (Committee C) and Emily Lawton (Committee C), Hassan Riaz (Committee A): All to be taken off due to non attendance over the year. **To be confirmed at next meeting.**

Matt Perry: MP had informed the clerk that he was resigning but would look to see if anyone else could fill the position from his school.

MS will ask for membership at the next CPHA meeting on 7 July 2022.

Swapping SH to a C of E position was discussed as SH felt it would be easier for her to find someone to cover her position on Committee C. SH will approach the archdeacon to see if this is a possibility as this will ensure that SACRE is more likely to be quorate.

Membership is part of the SEF and members attending this meeting will continue further discussion on this. Co-option of members who don't have a vote would also be considered at this meeting.

Once amended the clerk agreed to send out a new copy of membership. **To be confirmed at next meeting.**

f. Minutes of Meeting held 14 March 2022

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.

g. Matters Arising

Determination: This needs to be carried to the next meeting for formal approval. The clerk was still waiting for a copy of the formal minute from the governing body.

It was felt that determinations needed to be a standing item on each Agenda and to ensure that a monitoring visit takes place once a year.

REC Report: REC had started new projects on religion and world views and the report now seemed to have been put to one side. It was noted however that you can look at this as part of membership reviews and other statutory items.

SEF: The SEF meeting has been arranged for 27 June 2022. Members have received papers for this meeting. IR asked that members read the papers and let him know where they believe SACRE are.

For members that can't attend the meeting IR will circulate the draft document for their comments to enable everyone to have a chance to contribute.

AOB – Webinar on Hinduism: This had been held earlier this evening. IR had also met with the Education Board on the teaching for Hinduism and added items to the work units.

GENERAL SACRE BUSINESS

1. Consultant's report on 2021-2022

The following work had been carried out throughout the year by the Consultants:

Syllabus

The syllabus was edited to include new advice and guidance from the DfE eg SYFS and SEND. Units of work have all been edited and added to. New units of work included for EYFS. Links to Understanding Christianity strengthened especially for C of E schools.

Met with Hindu Education Board to enhance the teaching of Hinduism through improved content grids and strengthening units of work.

School Support

Half termly newsletter and CPD offers from variety of sources.

Supported Secondary Deputies Network

Secondary Provision survey and letters sent out to all schools.

Visits to at least two secondary schools and also telephone/ email support for long term planning etc.

Telephone and email support for at least 10 schools through direct contact.

Primary provision survey sent out in June. Initial results (from 25 schools) show schools on the whole are teaching RE at least 40 mins per week plus drop down days. Most schools that responded teach from the LAS with some from the diocesan syllabus. Key messages of support include teaching and learning strategies, subject knowledge training on world faiths, assessment, differentiation, curriculum mapping, visits and visitors.

Deep dives in RE self evaluation questions and working document created for coordinators/ subject leaders.

Spring Celebrations diversity day with over 1000+ children taking part in activities and questions to faith representatives.

Interfaith week activities run by Kirklees Schools Education and Faith project – primary diversity day and secondary questions.

CPD

Networks for Primary coordinators three times a year. Mostly online but will be face to face next year. Next year these will be provided for free to schools.

Networks for secondary leads three times a year jointly with Kirklees and now also with Leeds – online with one day a year face to face.

RE Today conference in October supported by Kirklees and Calderdale SACREs. Maybe next year we could run something for EYFS or Secondaries.

Effective RE Coordinator training in November

RE Coordinator Plus training in July

World Faiths Webinars

Advice and Guidance

Updates suite of guidance e.g. model policies, collective worship guidance, determinations guidance and application form.

Faith and Belief in Schools working party to revamp the sensitivity of faith in schools document.

Members thanked Pennine Learning for the work they had carried out over the year and hoped that more work could be done in conjunction with other SACREs.

Discussion led to the relationship between SACRE and the LA and it was felt that a work plan was needed so everyone knew when the Annual Report would go to scrutiny for the LA to carry out their statutory duties to monitor the work that SACRE were doing. DF said that she would write to the Chair of Scrutiny to ensure that they had a place to discuss this at the meeting in either January or March.

2. Report from NASACRE and Discussions of Implications for the SACRE Work Plan

No-one had attended the NASACRE conference this year. SH had printed out a copy of their report and agreed to send this to members.

3. Approval in principle of the Faith and Belief in Schools document

Members had all received a copy of the document. The working party consisting of members from Calderdale, Kirklees, Leeds and Oldham comprising mainly of headteachers and community advisers had now met. Sail Suleman was the community adviser for Calderdale.

The working party shared challenges schools are facing and outlined particular themes that schools struggle to respond to. These were firstly input as a list and then turned into the current draft document.

Future work involves adding more case studies and making the document more inclusive so that it is not relating to just one religion – the example of fasting for any faith was used to explain this as well as space for prayers. The working party were wanting 2 case studies from each Authority.

The group are also waiting for confirmation on some of the legalities from HR and Behaviour and Attendance.

Each community adviser will write an introduction into what communities in their LA do – including any projects that are taking place.

Members present were happy to agree the document in principle – this will be confirmed at the next meeting. SH felt this would be a very useful document and thanked everyone who was involved – especially MS who had done a lot of the coordination.

4. Dates of Meetings, themes and Venues 2022-23

Members were happy to keep the same patterns and number of meetings as last year.

Different themes were discussed with all members being interested in a visit to the Halifax Minster. It was felt that one of the topics to be looked at next year was the interaction of faith and LGBT.

Once the priorities have been decided in the SEF this could be looked at further. In the meantime DAS/IR to send out suggested dates for the next meetings.

5. AOB

None.