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SACRE Meeting

Tuesday, 6th July 2021

10.00pm

Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Attendees	Initials	Affiliation
A Religions and Christian Denominations Abdul Alim Reeyaz Bala Mohammed Sidat Maulana Rafiq Sufi Harkirat Singh John East Robert Beardsworth	AA RB MS RF HS JE BB	Muslim Sikh Other Christian Denominations: URC RC Salford Diocese
B Church of England Helen Sage	HS	Blackburn Diocese
C Teacher Associations Claire Taylor Liz Beaumont Chris Dugdale Michael Parker Joanne Cottam Anne Marie O'Neil Kathryn Bolton Jemma Kellow Greg Sharples	CT LB CD MP JC AO'N KB JK GS	Primary Rep NEU NHT SIG 2 SIG 3 SIG 4 SIG 5 SIG 6 SIG 7
D Local Authority Cllr Julie Gunn Cllr Sylvia Liddle Alison Ashworth Taylor Cllr Lillian Salton Cllr Suleman Khonat	JG SL AAT LS SK	

Also in attendance:

Dot Thomson (DT), Independent Consultant
Sharifa Valli (SV), School Effectiveness Co-ordinator (Clerk)
Paula Johnson (PJ), Solicitor, Democratic Services
Gillian Emmott, (GE), Solicitor, Democratic Service
Sheila Gewolb, (SG), Board of Deputies of British Jews

Item no.		Lead
1.	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>AAT welcomed all members to the meeting and introductions were made.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from and accepted from</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Madhu Pandey 2. Lisa Fenton 	
3.	<p>Sheila Gewolb</p> <p>AAT welcomed Sheila Gewolb who is an elected member on the Board of Deputies of British Jews to the meeting. SW has been a member of the Cumbria SACRE since 2013, she is also a development worker for the National Executive of NASACRE, and has recently been reelected for another three years.</p> <p>SG explained that she and Jake Berger (staff officer) will work together to ensure there is Jewish representation on BwD SACRE. SW highlighted key areas that she and Jake Berger will be working on including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensuring appropriate Jewish representation on SACRE boards ▪ Education Outreach work ▪ Jewish Living Experience Exhibition <p>Action: AAT to explore the possibility of hosting the Jewish Living Experience Exhibition at Blackburn Cathedral.</p>	AAT
4.	<p>Minutes of previous meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a true and accurate record.</p>	
5.	<p>Matters arising not in the main agenda</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. AAT to contact EO regarding speaking to HTs after this meeting and AAT will feedback to the SACRE at the next meeting. AAT reported that she and DT were due to meet with council reps on 12th July to look at additional funding for SACRE. There will also be a meeting with all high schools in September. b. AAT to contact VD to help annotate the data that will need to be included in the Annual SACRE. This has been actioned and will be included in the Annual SACRE report. c. JG to speak to the Leader of the Council regarding the ratification of the Town of Sanctuary process. JG will also speak to JS regarding pursuing the school of sanctuary initiative. d. AAT to speak to Shanaz Hussain at BCHS regarding their experience in becoming a School of Sanctuary. AAT to add SACRE to the agenda for the HT briefing and details of this initiative in the HT bulletin. Actioned –AAT has met with SH and two of her staff will attend the next HT meeting and explain what a school of sanctuary is etc. <p>Action: School reps on Committee C to be invited for this item at the Autumn Term HT briefing</p>	AAT/SV

	<p>e. SV update on SACRE webpage – SV to send the link for the webpage with the minutes. https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/index.php/schools-and-education/standing-advisory-council-religious-education-sacre</p> <p>f. AAT and JS to look at the SSIF brokering grant to ascertain if there is any additional funding available for the RE bursaries. Action: Consider RE bursaries spend at the next SACRE meeting.</p> <p>g. AAT will provide an update on SACRE termly at a HT's briefing.</p> <p>h. It was agreed to confirm the key focus for the SACRE board for the coming year at the meeting in May. AAT to update the board at the next. Actioned</p> <p>It was noted that the RE Syllabus consultation questionnaire has been sent to all schools and the majority of responses have been received. It was noted that HTs who are new to post have had support from other staff members in the school to complete the questionnaire. Action: Questionnaire responses to be a main agenda item in September.</p>	<p>AAT</p> <p>AAT/SV</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Feedback from SACRE conference</p> <p>AAT, HS and DT attended the NASACRE conference via Teams on Monday 24th May 2021. AAT, HS and DT highlighted key points for discussion from the report that had been distributed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Finance poses a significant challenge ▪ Lack of expertise in RE was raised ▪ Importance of free thinking and personal perspective ▪ SACRE reports – things to include in the report, help develop our action plan and use the structure to write out the first annual SACRE report. ▪ Focus on areas that affect BwD from a national perspective ▪ SACRE – look at how we develop our action plan, take on board the actions identified and how this will inform the review of the RE Syllabus ▪ Offering quality CPD ▪ Pupil voice is key going forward and student representation on the SACRE is something to consider ▪ Curriculum redesign ▪ World views <p>Action: SG reported that they will be launching their new website and AAT will send details of this in the bulletin Action: STAR and Team teach to be invited to attend the SACRE to speak to the group about what their programme is for RE Teaching Action: CD to send AAT contact details for Edgehill University regarding their RE ITT provision</p>	<p>AAT</p> <p>AAT</p> <p>CD/AAT</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Membership</p> <p>Actions from previous meeting</p> <p>a. AAT to contact as follows: Buddhist: Kelsang Pagpa – One vacancy remains. AAT confirmed that she has tried to make contact with KP but has had no success. HS to follow this up on behalf of the board. HG confirmed that KP would like to be a part of the SACRE, however it was noted that he is unable to attend morning meetings. Action: It was agreed to alternate the SACRE meetings from morning to afternoons so KP is able to attend.</p> <p>b. British Jews: AAT confirmed that there is one vacancy on Board. Sheila Gewolb would like to attend the next meeting to see how they can contribute to the SACRE but will in the meantime also find a local rep to sit on the board. This had been actioned.</p>	<p>SV</p>

	<p>c. Hindu: SV to write to Madhu Pandya to check if her membership is still current. SV has written to MP, but no response has been received as yet. It was agreed to make decision at the next meeting regarding this. Response has been received and MP will attend look at attending future SACRE meetings.</p> <p>d. Sikh -Harkirat Singh, two vacancies remain. HS is looking locally to fill the vacancies and will contact AAT to in due course. HS will attend the SACRE meetings until a more permanent member is appointed to represent the SIKH community.</p> <p>e. Three Muslim vacancies remain. AAT to contact Lancashire Council of mosques Moulana Rafiq Sufi contacted on the 24th May and the 30th June. These vacancies have now been filled.</p> <p>f. Two vacancies exist on Committee A. It was noted we need one Methodist and one Baptist representative to sit on the board. It was agreed JE would follow this up on behalf of the Board.</p> <p>Action: AAT to formally write to the circuit superintendent to ask for a Methodist and Baptist rep to sit on the SACRE board.</p> <p>AAT also reported that she had contacted Salford diocese about the Catholic Vacancy on the board. Peter Moore will send out the information to any interested parties and is hopeful that we will have a catholic representative on the board by September.</p> <p>DT asked that under Item 7 - Membership list for Committee, members are designated as other Christian denominations.</p>	AAT
8.	<p>Determinations</p> <p>AAT updated members that the LA have now identified which schools need a determination and which schools are up for renewal. This has been communicated to HTs.</p> <p>Action: DT to support AAT in the determinations activity for Autumn Term.</p>	AAT/DT
9.	<p>Updates from members All</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ JE gave an update about a national twinning initiative that took place between Churches and Mosques to celebrate diversity. It was suggested to explore this further and do a similar programme with schools in BwD. ▪ It was noted that St Wilfrid's Academy and TIBHS had recently work together to look at religious festivals – Ramadhan and Easter. The schools have a detailed action plan that they will work together on in September. ▪ Colleagues were also asked to note that the LA will be relaunching the Linking classrooms initiative and SV will send out details to schools in due course. 	
10.	<p>Agenda items for September meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify termly main agenda items for 21-22 2. Agreed Syllabus consultation feedback 3. Annual SACRE report 4. SEF 5. Action Plan 6. RE Bursary Focus for all schools 7. Knife Angel will have an update 8. Determinations Update 	
11.	<p>A.O.B</p> <p>Brief discussion took place regarding the involvement of young pupils in the work of the SACRE board. It was suggested to have a young people's SACRE and tapping into the Student Council.</p>	

	<p>Action: SIG leads to take this discussion back to their schools and see if there is any interest to take this action forward.</p> <p>AAT recommended a book titled "Together With Prayer" to members of the meeting, which had been written by Michael Parker from Sacred Heart.</p>	<p>SIG leads</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u> 21st September via MS Teams at 10.00am.</p>	