

Agreed syllabus conference meeting minutes 4pm meeting

1- Welcome, apologies and changes to membership

It was noted that Julian Waterfield will find attending Monday meetings difficult due to promotion however a co-opted member Susanne Woodman would like to become the ATL rep in Julian's absence – A Philpott to follow up with ATL – process to follow to be advised from Democratic services

Apologies

Welcome – Chair opened the Agreed Syllabus Conference and welcomed observers

Service Lead Education and Early Help, Jo Cassey; Head of RE The Greggs School and RE Leader St Johns CE Primary and Nursery School.

2-Chair reminded everyone that the SACRE convened the ASC in summer 2015 to require the LA to review the Locally AGREED Syllabus within the statutory 5 year time frame. The last review was in 2011. She also noted her concern with regard to the lack of clerk support currently in place for the SACRE.

- 3- E Jenkerson reminded members of her role with Westhill, although she did not think this was a declaration of interest for this meeting.
- 4- Professional support to SACRE presented to the meeting a review of where RE sits in the educational landscape and in law enabling all to be clear why there is a need for a locally agreed syllabus. The consultation process was presented and it demonstrated that concerns raised by teachers had been taken into account throughout the review as well as recent high court ruling regarding teaching about non-religious world views. The content of the revised syllabus was presented including key changes to assessment as well as the method of enquiry that underpins the teaching of good quality RE, as evidenced in a range of reports such as Ofsted review of Religious Education. The approach to assessment was welcomed by the teachers and Head teacher present as a way forward to recognise and reward communication skills as well as practical ways of assessing pupils in wider skills.
- 5- There was much discussion about the syllabus and time was taken to review the proposed document in draft form. Wording of two sections was discussed and it was agreed that the professional support would take the issues raised back to colleagues we have been working in collaboration with who are yet to hold their own ASC, to determine if agreement can be reached for the changes.
- 6- Time was given to each voting group to determine their position.
A vote was held with all four groups voting to recommend the syllabus for use to the LA, subject to Legal team review of the document and the minor amendments discussed if the wider SACRE group was in agreement.
The Professional support will move forward with the processes required to do this and to enable Council to adopt the syllabus for use in maintained Southampton Schools where the use of a Locally Agreed Syllabus is required from January 2017.
- 7- The chair on behalf of SACRE thanked the teachers and SACRE members who have worked as a part of the review group for the work that they had done and extended their thanks to the Head teachers for allowing their teachers to work out of school in order to carry out this review.

Minutes from 5pm meeting on same day

We've done the apologies

- 1- Chair opened the meeting
- 2- The chair spoke about the significant move forward the working in action plan groups had enabled the SACRE to make over the past year in the SACRE knowing the schools better. And thanked members for their work on this and asked people to consider throughout the meeting which group/s they can contribute to throughout the meeting.
- 3- As 4pm meeting
- 4- Minutes of the last meeting were approved as correct
- 5- Membership changes will be followed up by professional support to SACRE in lieu of Clerk for ATL member.
- 6- 4 members attended the new to SACRE training in conjunction with Hampshire, Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight SACRES last week – it was felt to have been useful and good to meet members of other SACRES.
- 7- Points 7-9 Working groups review , planning and feedback
All groups agreed this was a beneficial way of working and to continue the principle.
The Film group will need to put forward ideas to Allan and Jackie as soon as possible as they will need to shape the next proposal for the next set of films to pitch to Solent University.
The monitoring group had already met to review the process, it was agreed that members who wish to join this group need to contact Alison as soon as possible as identification badges and checks need to be carried out. A review of the work of the group was
The roadshow group has evolved into the planning of the “chair challenge” to be launched with schools In November but carried out in the summer and autumn of 2017 – however this group needs additional members for this to be a viable project that will enable schools in Southampton to have a progressive inter and intra school opportunity. Members who wish to know more should contact Sammy.

10 – No other business

11. The chair thanked members for their time, and ongoing support and work on behalf of SACRE. The chair reinforced the need to secure clerking services for the SACRE moving forward. Reminded members to contact those leading working groups to register their interest.

Next meeting: 28 November venue will link with Agreed Syllabus Launch subject to council approval.