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(SACRE) STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 October 2010

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Present:

Members of the Council

Daunt (Chair) and Parnell

Independent Members

David Vane (Vice-Chair), Bridget Goom, Mrs Margaret Blake, Mrs Gail Ratcliffe, Tony Blackshaw, Jackie Meering, David Parrott, Julian Bryant, Chris Robinson and Sian Roberts

Apologies

Rev David Sillince, Rev David Turner, Peter Howard, Anas al-Korj, Ruth Evans, Ellen Humphries and Kate Martin

1. **WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND CHANGES OF MEMBERSHIP**

**ACTION**

The Chair welcomed the Group and introduced Rev. Andy Mills the SACRE meeting.

Apologies were received from:-

Group A

Rev David Sillince	The Roman Catholic Church
Rev David Turner	The Baptists
Peter Howard	The Assemblies of God
Anas al-Korj	Muslim

Group C

Ruth Evans	Association of School and College Leaders Ruth Evans (ASCL)
Ellen Humphries	National Association of Headteachers (NAHT)

Group D

Mrs. K. Martin	Southampton City Council (substitute)
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2. **STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIR**

In accordance with accepted practise, a statement was made by the Chair who thanked members for their input to the Agreed Syllabus this year. The Chair went on to inform members of the letters of thanks he had written to Councillor Damani and Bishop Geoff Annas for their input to the SACRE. Members were also informed that the final Agreed Syllabus Conference for the year was not going to be held today and that a date would be agreed later in meeting.

3. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

**ACTION**

The Chair explained that it was important for all members to complete the personal interests form and requested that this was completed and returned to the SACRE clerk before the next meeting of the SACRE.

**ALL**

4. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2010 be approved as a correct record. (Copy of the minutes circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

**Matters Arising**

**9. DEVELOPMENT PLAN** It was noted that the Chair had made contact with the Executive Director of Children's Services and Learning, the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Learning and the Head of Service: Standards and that the matter of collective worship and whether or not school visits would be appropriate would be investigated further. The Secondary Phase Inspector noted that the SACRE were to be "assured" about the quality of RE and alternative ways to get involved were available. The following suggestions were given as alternatives:-

**ACTION**

- Getting involved in interfaith week;
- Watching "Ethical Action", a video produced by pupils at Cantell School. It was AGREED this would be presented at the next SACRE meeting;

**JB, ED  
and KS**

**11. VISIT TO SCHOOL BY GAIL RATCLIFFE** The representative for the National Union of Teachers (NUT) noted the opportunities for Primary School teachers to assist observations for SACRE members.

A discussion ensued on ways in which members could increase their involvement in schools and the Chair asked that members contact himself and/or the clerk to the SACRE with suggestions.

**ALL**

5. **MEMBERSHIP OF SACRE**

The Chair outlined the current membership of the SACRE, drawing attention to the membership list at the front of the reports pack.

Changes to the SACRE membership were noted as follows:-

- Reverend Andy Mills was appointed to represent The Baptists (Group A), replacing Rev David Turner. The Chair proposed Reverend Andy Mills' nomination and Councillor Parnell seconded this.
- The Chair announced that the remaining membership vacancies were noted as:-
  - x1 The United Reformed Church (Group A)
  - x2 Church of England (Group B)

## 6. MATTERS RELATING TO TERMS OF REFERENCE AND MEMBERSHIP

### ACTION

The Chair introduced a number of issues for discussion:-

- ***Code of Conduct – members' attention was drawn to 13.1 of the SACRE constitution and members were asked to sign and return the forms attached with agenda item 6. It was AGREED that members of the SACRE could receive copies of the SCC Code of Conduct.*** KS
- Updating information regarding appointments to SACRE (4 years) – a discussion took place addressing 9.4 of the SACRE constitution. It was suggested that members of the SACRE need to be re-nominated every four years. Regular attendance to meetings was also encouraged.
- Humanism – the Chair lead a discussion addressing the possibility of Humanist membership on the SACRE with full voting rights. After a full discussion, the Chair concluded that a vote would not be appropriate in this instance and it was AGREED that the South Hampshire Humanists would remain co-opted members.

## 7. FEEDBACK FROM EVENTS FROM INDIVIDUAL FAITH GROUPS

### ACTION

The SACRE received and noted verbal updates from various members on the following events:-

#### Buddhists

- Interfaith Week – Conference to be held on 23 November 2010
- Prayer at Medina Mosque – 21 November 2010
- ***Graffiti event – 27 November 2010***

#### Church of England

- Bishop at St. Paul's

## Humanists

- Ofsted diary report
- South Hampshire Humanists – one law for all (Shea Law)
- Training on how Autism is perceived
- Liz Mizon’s verbal report on being a secular Mayor

The Chair thanked members for their comments and reminded them that, in future, items under this heading should be given to the clerk or himself prior to meetings.

## 8. **INITIAL FINDINGS OF THE AUDIT OF RE TEACHING IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

### **ACTION**

Sian Roberts, AST, reported back on her Audit of RE teaching, explaining that the research was based in secondary schools and was centred around Self Evaluation Forms (SEFs).

***The group heard that the audit investigated ways to monitor the provision of RE in schools. It focussed on secondary school subject leaders and considered qualitative and quantitative forms of methodology.***

Sian hoped to explore the opportunities relating to the RE network panels which met twice a year to share best practise.

Upon request, Sian was able to clarify that, unfortunately, Academies were not included in the research.

The Chair thanked Sian for her input.

## 9. **DATES AND VENUES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

***RESOLVED that the proposed dates for future SACRE meetings be agreed.***

## 10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **ACTION**

Agreed Syllabus Conference (ASC)

***The Secondary Phase Inspector introduced members of the SACRE to the draft version of the Agreed Syllabus.***

The importance of the final ASC was explained and members were requested to send substitutes if they were unable to attend.

***RESOLVED that the ASC would be held on Monday 22 November at 4pm.***