



MINUTES

**Meeting of Warrington Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education
Summer 2021
Tuesday 22 June 2021, 4.00pm**

PRESENT:

Hasan Kazi
Anita Raggett
Sarah Tickle
Lynn Hollingsworth
Michael Burgess
Diana Friend
Cllr Wright

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lisa Adams (LA Clerk)
Lesley Sweeney (LA Adviser)

Part One – non confidential business

1) Welcome

Members were informed that Kate Coleclough has sent her apologies due to a family bereavement.

Action: Lesley Sweeney to send her best wishes from the group

2) Absence and apologies

Apologies were received from Kate Coleclough.

3) Membership Update

Cllr D Friend noted that there have been some changes to committee D. Cllr S Wright, Cllr D Friend and ?? have been re-appointed. Cllr L Watson has been appointed.

Action: Clerk to write to Cllr L Watson welcoming her to SACRE

It was noted that Cllr M Hussain has expressed an interest in joining the group. It was agreed that Cllr M Hussain join committee A.

Action: clerk to write to Cllr M Hussian welcoming him to SACRE

It was noted that there are still vacancies on committee B.

Action: clerk to send the group some information on being part of SACRE to share with potential members

4) Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record.

5) Matters Arising

Lesley Sweeney reported that there will not be an RE conference this year. It was felt that a virtual conference would not be beneficial. A virtual RE subject lead meeting is being arranged.

6) School Visits

It was reported that Anita Raggett and Lynn Hollingsworth have completed a virtual visit at Penketh Primary.

Lynne Hollingsworth reported that the meeting was very positive. They met with Phil Towey, RE subject leader. He was fairly new to the role but was very enthusiastic. He raised an issue with 'search for personal meaning' see NOV. RE is delivered across the school with Teaching Assistants taking the class during PPA time. It was noted that the teachers plan the lessons. We talked about how assessment is carried out if the teacher isn't in class. He also raised that it would be useful to have a list of visitors and places to visit of different faiths.

Action: clerk to find the list produced last year and send to the group before sending to Penketh

Action: Clerk to send paper Mark Higginbottom and Lesley Sweeney produced for all schools during lockdown

He identified collective worship as an area for development. He felt that it was not given high enough profile in the school. He is currently working on a collective worship policy.

Thanks were expressed to Lynne Hollingsworth and Anita Raggett for completing this visit.

Sarah Tickle reported that she is in the process of contacting the schools in the MAT about doing some visits. Lesley Sweeney asked if she would like another SACRE member to join her.

Action: Sarah Tickle to send dates to the clerk to share with members

Action: Clerk to send note of visit form to Sarah Tickle

It was noted that only one visit was arranged due to secondary schools being in the middle of Year 11 assessments and council elections taking place.

Action: question about staff wellbeing be added to the note of visit

7) NASACRE Briefing 28

The group noted the contents of the briefing paper.

8) NASACRE conference summary

It was noted that reference was made to 'personal meaning'. It was felt that it was a good summary of conversations that are taking place with RE leads.

9) NASACRE report on SACRE Funding

It was noted that there is a variety of levels of funding at Local Authorities. Lesley Sweeney noted that the Local Authority fully fund a clerk and an officer shows their level of commitment.

10) Research Review Series: Religious Education (Ofsted)

It was felt that this was a weighty document. Sarah Tickle offered to put together a summary of the report for members. The legal status of RE is included and it would be useful to check what we do as a SACRE to ensure that it complies. It was noted that there is an interesting section on misconceptions and portrayals of religion.

Action: Sarah Tickle to put together a summary

11) Agenda items for next SACRE meeting

- Religious Education - Ofsted (summary document)
- School visits

It was hoped that by October the group would be able to meet face to face. Cllr S Wright raised if SACREs are allowed to meet virtually as council meetings are no longer permitted. It was noted that the NASACRE briefing mentions that virtual SACRE meetings can continue.

Action: Clerk to provisionally book St Werburgh's

12) Proposed dates for future meetings

Tuesday 12th October 2021, 4-6pm – in person if allowed
Tuesday 8th March 2022, 4-6pm
Tuesday 21st June 2022, 4-6pm