Meeting Record Rutland (SACRE) held on Thursday 26th June 2014 at St Josephs RC Church, Station Rd, Oakham, LE15 8SZ

Present: Mr Nick Wainwright – RCC; Mr Andreas Menzies – Roman Catholic; Miss Gale Waller – RCC; Mrs Sue Hickey – RCC; Mr Michael Kee – Peterborough Diocesan

Apologies: Mr Kevan Fryett (BHA Rep); Mrs Claire Rowbotham – HT's Forum Mr Kim Garcia –RCC (represented at meeting by S. Hickey) Mrs Eileen Ray - Methodist

Non Attendance: Mrs S Reseigh – Secondary Representative; Mrs S McGrath – NASWT; Mrs J South – Co-opted Primary Representative; Mrs J Gibson – Co-opted Primary Representative; Rev J Saunders – Rutland Deanery; Rev J Widdows – Rutland Deanery; Mrs K Smith – Primary Consortium; Mrs S McGrath – NASUWT;

1. Welcome and Membership

Chair welcomed Sue Hickey RCC representing Kim Garcia.

Apologies as above.

2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 4th March 2014 were agreed as a true copy

3. Matters Arising

Chair informed the meeting that she was unable to send letters action in the meeting of 4.3.14 as currently SACRE has no headed notepaper. Chair distributed an example letterhead. Agreed at the meeting that this needs to more strongly reflect SACRE. AM offered to revise letterhead.

Action: AM

Rev Saunders absent from meeting and as such no update regarding invitation to John Taylor to join SACRE board.

Chair has queried why recent training session for RE teachers was over two days. No firm answer was provided however there were 10 attendees and feedback from these teachers was positive.

4. SIAM Inspection Report for St Mary & St John, North Luffenham

This school has recently received a positive Section 48 report which judged the school 'good'.

AM commented on the good practice in the school evident in the weekly service held in the church.

The board agreed that a letter of congratulations should be sent by the board to the school.

Action: Chair

It was also agreed to invite the HT of St Mary & St John to a meeting for church schools to feedback on their successful SIAM inspection.

Action: Chair

The board also felt that it would be appropriate to have a SACRE page on RCC website which could have a link to examples of successful Section 48 reports. SH was asked to discuss this with Kim Garcia.

Action: SH

5. National and Local RE Updates

• NASACRE AGM REPORT – Chair

Chair shared her report with the board. Conference provided good networking opportunities with sharing of best practice. Chair's report included links to helpful websites from work being undertaken in Cheshire and Shropshire local authorities in promoting RE in their schools.

As an outcome of the conference Chair felt it would be useful to lobby the local MP regarding the all parliamentary group for RE. to request that the MP contacts this group to look at the work that they are doing. Hopefully this might mean that religious education would be included in future manifesto.

Action: Chair

Chair stated that she will be putting the 'Voice of the Child' as an agenda item on agenda of Children's Scrutiny Panel

6. Review of SACRE Constitution

SACRE constitution currently can't be sourced as such this agenda item deferred to next meeting..

Action: Clerk

7. SACRE Membership

Agreed that NW would approach members of the Plymouth Brethren to see if they would like to send a representative to sit on SACRE board.

Action: NW

SH agreed to enquire at Couny Offices to see if anyone has any knowledge of how to contact any other faiths in Rutland to ask if they wish to be represented on SACRE

Action: SH

8. Rutland SACRE Action Plan

Chair requested that this document was enlarged. SH agreed to enquire with Corporate Services to ask if this is possible and then send copy to clerk for distribution at next meeting. This item to be deferred to next meeting. Action: SH/Clerk

9. Any other business

- AM suggested that future meetings should open with a prayer agreed by all
- Chair to email all representatives and ask what time of day would be most convenient for meetings to take place to ensure maximum attendance.

Action: Chair

10. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 18 November 2014 (venue to be agreed).

It was agreed that the dates for the following year would be done at the next meeting in November.

Thanks were given to the members for coming to the meeting.

The meeting ended at 3.55 pm

Signed:

Dated: