

Rutland SACRE

**Tuesday 17th March 2015 at
Oakham Cof E Primary School 4.30 pm**

Present:

Miss Gale Waller – RCC (Chair);
Mrs Eileen Ray – Methodist;
Mrs Megan Davies- Primary School Head Teacher
Representative
David Sharpe – Association of Teachers and Lecturers;

Apologies:

Jane Hall -Clerk
Kevan Fryett – British Humanist Representative.
Andreas Menzies- Roman Catholic Representative
Michael Kee- Peterborough Diocesan
Nick Wainwright- RCC Representative.

Non Attendance:

Mrs S McGrath – NASWT;
Mrs S Reseigh – Secondary Representative;

In Attendance: Margaret Broughton – Team Leader
Learning and Skills Service
Kim Garcia Head of Service for Learning and Skills.

Clerk:

Margaret Broughton

1. Opening Prayer

The SACRE opening prayer was given by Gale Waller

2. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting and introduced M.D. Primary Head Teacher from Exton and Greetham Cof E. Primary School.

Apologies as above.

The Chair reported the following:

- Confirmation was given that currently quoracy of meetings would depend on whether there was a member present from each of the four groups. As there was low represented attendance at this meeting the Chair would be unable to pass and sign the minutes and that this meeting was not quorate. That would not stop discussion and identifying actions.
- The Chair reported that a meeting with the Director of People in Rutland and the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services had been held to clarify the legal responsibility of Rutland County Council in respect of SACRE including its clerking and professional support.
- In future SACRE meetings will be held within the Council Chamber at the Catmose Building and, as SACRE is legally a Council Committee, the meetings are public. Appropriate arrangements at the Council Chamber will be made. The dates/minutes of these meetings will be published on the RCC website

- The Chair reported that the Church of England Diocese is aware of the vacancies on SACRE. She has spoken to the Deputy Director of Education and he advised the Diocesan Board of Education will be considering the matter next week.

3. Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 3rd February 2015

These minutes could not be approved as this meeting was not quorate.

Eileen Ray advised members she had not left the meeting at 3.45 p.m. the minutes need to be amended accordingly.

4. Matters Arising:

4.5 2013-2014 SACRE Annual Report: The compilation of an on line survey about SACRE to Rutland schools has not yet been completed.

Action: Head of Service to meet Head of I.T. to action survey after Easter and produce before next meeting in July 2015.

4.7 Agreed Syllabus: **Action Head of Service to liaise with Northamptonshire to identify their process for convening an Agreed Syllabus Conference to review the agreed syllabus, and identify how Rutland will fit in with this.**

In support of the process AKG directed members to the Ofsted paper "Religious Education realising potential" and D.S. urged caution in waiting for action until post-election

The Chair would like a SACRE awareness raising letter sent to all Head Teachers; this to accompany the survey.
Head of Service to action

The Chair asked for a report on the Short Course results from Rutland school. AKG reported that he had not brought the results. **Action Short Course results to be circulated to members of SACRE asap and included in the Annual Report.**

Chair to write to the head at Catmose about his school's results as soon as she receives short course results.

5. Development Plan

The Chair informed members that she would like the action plan produced at the last meeting to be agreed and actions embedded with ideas from members. It was agreed that:

- R.E. Teachers network meeting be moved to September 2015
- R.E. event to raise awareness be held Spring 2016
- Action Plan to be worked on at the next meeting or with an identified working group.
- R.E. Assessment

As a support to key actions in the plan D.S. suggested using the Ofsted SACRE SEF document as a starting point to the workshop. The key drivers within the action plan should have key impacts.

- The actions will embed SACRE within the Council systems
- Raise the profile of SACRE within Rutland community including schools.
- The outcome of the schools survey will also drive specific identified actions that will drive school practice.
Key action list of R.E. co-ordinators to be compiled ASAP. MEB.

The Chair circulated 20 ideas for SACRE to support further actions to see Appendix 1.

The Chair expressed that support may be required from specialist teachers and queried whether the Rutland Teaching Alliance could offer support to SACRE. **Action: MEB/Head of Service to make enquiries**

6. SACRE Constitution.

AKG presented the latest advice on the SACRE constitution 2013/2014 and members discussed the way forward. See Appendix 2

It was agreed

- Invite and appoint members from The Quakers, Baptist, and The Brethren
- Look at any religious gaps Bahá'í, Jehovah's Witness.
- Act on survey recommendations.

7. Agreed Syllabus

Already discussed in Matters Arising

8. National and Local Update:

AKG tabled Lord Nash letter for information

AKG tabled original letter to Head Teachers

AKG tabled "Discovery R.E."

The Chair informed members of a BBC R.E. resources web site

Action updates to be included in letters to Head Teachers and R.E. Co-ordinators.11.

9. GCSE Religious Studies Update

The Chair congratulated Catmose College on their outstanding R.E. GCSE results.

D.S. updated on proposed syllabus and advised SACRE promoted early R.E. studies and progressive assessment through Primary linked to Secondary schools.

10. Any Other Business

The Chair informed members of the annual NASACRE conference and asked for volunteers to attend in June.

Action: Members to contact G.W. if interested.

11. Date/Venue of the Next Meeting and dates for 2015.

Date proposed for next meeting 7th July 2015 4.30
pending availability of room at RCC.

12. The meeting closed at 6.20pm.

Signed:.....

Dated: