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Minutes of the **MEETING of the RUTLAND SACRE (STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION)** held in the Martinsley - Catmose on Thursday, 17th March, 2016 at 4.30 pm

PRESENT:

GROUP A – Representatives of other Churches and Faiths		
1.	Mr Andreas Menzies	The Roman Catholic Church
2.	Mrs Eileen Ray	The Methodist Church

GROUP B – Church of England Representatives		
3.	Mrs Barbara Crellin	Peterborough Diocese

GROUP C – Teacher Representatives		
4.	Mr David Sharpe	Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL)
5.	Mrs Megan Davis	National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT)

GROUP D – Local Education Authority Representative		
6.	Miss Gale Waller (Chair)	Rutland County Council (Councillor)
7.	Mrs Lucy Stephenson	Rutland County Council (Councillor)

Local Education Authority Officers		
8.	Dr Rashida Sharif	Rutland County Council (Officer)
9.	Miss Jane Narey	Clerk

APOLOGIES:

GROUP B – Church of England Representatives		
10.	Rev Jane Baxter	Rutland Deanery
11.	Mrs Joanna Harley	Rutland Deanery
12.	Mr Michael Kee	Peterborough Diocese

GROUP C – Teacher Representatives		
13.	Mrs Mary-Anne Marples	Co-opt Primary Head
14.	Mr Neil Rawes (rep. Mr Carl Smith)	Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL)
15.	Mrs Rebecca Grey	Co-opt Primary Head
16.	Mrs Sue McGrath	Secondary Consortium

Co-opted Groups		
17.	Ms Katy Walker	Rutland Headteachers' Forum
18.	Mrs Sarah Reseigh	Unison (representing Teaching Assistants)

1 OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was read by Mr Andreas Menzies.

2 RECORD OF MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Rutland SACRE held on the 12th January 2016, copies of which had been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

At the request of the Chair, Item 4 on the Agenda was taken next.

3 RUTLAND SACRE ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15

Miss Gale Waller presented Version 4 of the SACRE Annual Report 2014/15 to members for feedback. During discussion the following points were noted and agreed:

AGREED:

1. The un-validated data for RE would be included in the Annual Report with a statement that the validated data had not been published by DfE at the time of publication.
2. Leighfield Primary would be amended to Leighfield Academy
3. The quotation 'Philosophy and Ethics gives me...' would be amended to 'Philosophy and Ethics give me...'
4. Miss Waller would re-draft the final paragraph on Page 3 to also thank the relevant schools for their pupil's quotes.
5. Each quote detailed in the report would be in bold italic and have the word 'Rutland' or 'Rutland School' removed.
6. Item 2.3 to be amended to read 'Advising the LA...'
7. Langham CofE Primary School would be amended to Langham CofE Primary School Academy
8. The relevant SIAMS inspection reports would be included in full in the report.
9. Item 6.2 – the last line would be amended to read '...in state schools.'
10. Item 7.1 – paragraph would be amended to read 'Legally, schools are required to report to parents annually on pupils' progress in RE.'
11. Item 8.1 – the abbreviations (S5 and S48) would be typed in full (Section 5 – OfSTED) and (Section 48 – SIAMS)
12. Item 9.1 – paragraph would be amended to read 'There were no complaints...'
13. Item 11.1 – paragraph would be amended to read 'SACRE is reviewing the...'
14. Item 12.2 – paragraph would be amended to read 'Rutland educational establishments and the Local Authority work closely with both the Anglican and Roman Catholic Diocese and Churches Together in England.'
15. Links to the relevant OfSTED inspection reports would be included.
16. Appendix A to be updated with the correct meeting dates and attendees.

ACTION: Miss Waller & Miss Narey

4 ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Miss Waller confirmed that a letter had been sent to Mr Ritchie Gale but that he had since resigned so would not be attending SACRE.

AGREED:

1. Miss Narey would contact Carol Snell for a contact name at Rutland NUT so Miss Waller could send a request for representation.

ACTION: Miss Narey & Miss Waller

2. Miss Waller reported she had not written to Baroness Shirley Williams but instead proposed writing to Lord Nash regarding raising the profile of SACRE's.

AGREED:

1. Miss Waller would send the draft letter to Lord Nash to attendees for comments/feedback.

ACTION: Miss Waller

Action 8 was then discussed at the request of Mrs Crellin

8. Mrs Crellin confirmed that the self-evaluation form had been updated but that this item was currently on hold.

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Mrs Barbara Crellin left the meeting at 5.45 p.m.

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3. Mr Menzies confirmed he had added additional wording to the survey form before had been issued.
4. Miss Narey confirmed that the survey form had been completed and circulated to schools' RE representatives.

AGREED:

1. Dr Sharif would send the survey results to Miss Narey for inclusion in the minutes.

ACTION: Dr Sharif

5. **ACTION ONGOING:** Dr Sharif would notify Mr Sharpe which GCSE boards Casterton College and Rutland County College used.

ACTION: Dr Sharif

6. Action was no longer required – CANCELLED

7. Action was no longer required – CANCELLED

9. Mrs Davis reported that she could attend the RCC People (Children) Scrutiny Panel meeting at 7.00 p.m. on the 28th April to assist with the presentation of the SACRE Annual Report 2014-15.

AGREED:

1. Miss Waller would speak to Carl Smith and/or Neil Rawes regarding presenting the SACRE Annual Report to the RCC People (Children) Scrutiny Panel meeting at 7.00 p.m. on the 28th April 2016
2. Mr Menzies would speak to Harington School regarding 2 pupils attending the RCC People (Children) Scrutiny Panel meeting at 7.00 p.m. on the 28th April 2016

ACTION: Miss Waller & Mr Menzies

10. **ACTION ONGOING:** Miss Waller would draft a paragraph from the letter by Lord Nash and send to Miss Narey for inclusion in the Annual Report.

ACTION: Miss Waller

11. **ACTION TO BE CARRIED FORWARD:** Ms Walker and Mrs Davis would produce details of the ways primary and secondary schools approach collective worship for discussion at the next meeting

ACTION: Ms Walker & Mrs Davis
AGENDA

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Mrs Eileen Ray left the meeting at 6.10 p.m.

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5 ANY URGENT BUSINESS

a) Miss Waller reported that she had invited Mr Rob Gooding, Executive Head of the Rutland Learning Trust to attend/speak at a future SACRE meeting (summer/autumn 2016)

AGENDA

6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

a) The proposed next meeting dates listed on the agenda were cancelled. Miss Narey informed attendees that she was currently working with the Corporate Support Team Coordinator on the Council's annual meeting calendar and would notify members as soon as the new meeting dates were identified.

ACTION: Miss Narey

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The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 6.20 pm.

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