

CALDERDALE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

CALDERDALE STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Minutes of SACRE Meeting (AGM)

Monday 14 March 2022

6.00 pm

Virtual Meeting

Members in attendance:

Committee A

Representing Other Denominations & Faiths	Mr Dipan Mistry (DM) Mr Freddy Naftel (FN) (Last Item)
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Committee B

Representing the Church of England

Committee C

Teachers/Unions	Mr Mark Sharp (MS) (Vice Chair) Ms Helena Angstmann (HA) Mr Matt Perry (MP)
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Committee D

Representing Calderdale Council Cllr Dot Foster (DF)

In attendance Mrs Debby Simpson – Clerk (DAS)
Mr Ian Ross (IR)

Quorum for the meeting is 1 representative from each of the 4 Committees

1. Introductions, Apologies, Minutes (29/1a/21) and Matters Arising, Membership Update

It was noted that the meeting was not quorate and therefore any decisions need to be approved at the next meeting. MS took the Chair due to SH not being present.

No introductions were necessary.

Apologies: Apologies Trish Boyd, Peter Baron and Freddy Naftel had let members know that he would be late to the meeting.

Minutes (29/11/21): The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising:

Monitoring RE in Secondary Schools: IR had now written to all schools who had responded to the survey to give recommendations and DAS will be sending these out as soon as possible. Reminders have also been sent to the 2 schools who had not responded. IR gave a brief summary on what the responses had been about.

Members asked about there being a lens for primary for this sort of exercise as it was felt that this had been a productive piece of work. IR explained that NATRE's lens would be on Year 9 but **it was agreed that members could discuss this as well as schools that needed support at the next meeting.**

Membership: Members would meet FN, the new Jewish representative when he arrived for the meeting. DAS will continue to check for C of E representation.

2. Determination – Parkinson Lane

IR explained determinations for members who did not know about them as well as determinations in Calderdale. There had previously been 2 but one school became an Academy and therefore do not come through SACRE to approve their determination.

All members had received a copy of the determination for Parkinson Lane and concern was raised that the determination had not been agreed at a full governing body meeting. **It was agreed that DAS would write to clerk to ask this to be taken to a full governing body meeting with a copy of the minute note returned to SACRE.**

Q: What would you consider best practice to be for children at the school who aren't of Islamic denomination and what provision would be made if they opted out? A: This would be a question that could be asked of the school. However the collective worship within school is all inclusive. **IR to ask the question.**

Members were in favour of the determination but this needs to be carried to the next meeting for formal approval.

3. REC Report

IR had now sent this to SACRE members. He explained that it was from NASACRE and based on the recommendations in the Commission on RE report. The report outlines how SACREs could change format and remit and gives examples of how some SACREs have done this.

IR asked if members wanted to be involved in the research for this. Members present felt that they would like to be involved in this.

4. SACRE SEF

There was no timescale for this to be completed so it was agreed that a meeting be arranged for 27 June 2022 at Cross Lane – start time 9.15 am to start to look at this. All members will be invited. References to the SEF will need to be made in the annual report and this will also generate actions for the 2022-23 SACRE work plan.

5. NASACRE Conference

This will take place on 23 May 2022. It was believed that you could either attend in person or virtually. **If any members wish to attend contact DAS.**

6. WYSACRE Meeting

This had been well attended with the main theme being advice in faith schools. Hindu content and teaching was also discussed as well as using the SEF as an audit tool and the new annual report format.

7. Report on Sensitivity in Faith Schools

The aim of the working party was to bring both primary and secondary schools together to discuss these issues, other LA's attended this meeting as well. All the different issues that schools had found were discussed and summarised under different headings. This has now been put into a document which should be completed by the next academic year.

The first draft should be ready next week and will be shared with SACREs and faith groups to discuss and comment on after the headteacher group have looked at it.

8. Training

No official training had been attended since the last meeting. Members felt that attending the Sensitivity in Faith Schools working party should be included in CPD as so much had been learnt from this experience.

If any members wanted to attend any of the training they need to let DAS know as training is free due to Calderdale being part of the NASACRE SLA.

9. AOB

Hindu Education Board Meeting: This had been a very productive meeting where improvements to the teaching of Hinduism and the content grid were discussed. Once it is all agreed they will look at more in depth content for this.

It had been agreed that an half day session on Hindu Dharma for teachers be set up following on from the webinar in June. Stories that could be put in the training had been discussed.

The next meeting is in April and will look at the content grid to see if anything is missing. These can then be input in the work units for KS1 and 2. At the moment these will be optional but then looked at again when revision starts in September 2022.

Hybrid Meetings: This was discussed for after September. It was felt that it could be possible but would depend on the venues chosen. SACRE also needed to find out why a lot of the members don't attend on a regular basis.

Presentation by FN: IR had given members an update on FN who was the new Jewish representative for SACRE. FN provided information on his role in schools regarding Judaism.

.Dates of Next Meetings and Venues

23 June 2022 – 6.00 pm

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