

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)

Notes of an inquorate meeting of the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) held in the Community Centre at 39 Canterbury Road, Westgate on Sea, CT8 8JT on Tuesday, 5 March 2019.

PRESENT: Mr S C Manion (Chairman), Mrs N Younosi (Vice-Chairman), Mr D L Brazier (Substitute for Mrs C Bell), Miss C Bostock, Ms N Brownfield, Ms K Burke, Mr W Chambers, Mrs V Corbyn, Mrs J Grant, Mr J Paul and Mr M Papadopoulos

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs P Smith-Orr (Consultant) and Miss G Little (Democratic Services Officer)

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

Clerk's note

The Clerk addressed the Chairman of SACRE prior to the meeting and advised that the meeting was inquorate, it was agreed that an informal meeting would be held.

Membership

The Chairman announced that Mrs V Corbyn and Mr M Papadopoulos would be resigning from SACRE and thanked both Members for their commitment to SACRE over the years.

The committee reviewed the membership and discussed issues around the recurrent absence of representatives and the role of the co-opted Members. Work continued to be done by the Clerk to fill the vacant posts of SACRE.

Apologies and substitutions

Apologies were received from Mr M Northey, Mrs G Spragg, Mrs R Swansbury, Mrs R Walters, Mrs E Pope, Mrs G Knox, Mrs B Naden, Mrs C Elapatha and Mrs C Bell for whom Mr D Brazier was substitute for.

Declarations of Members' Interest

No declarations of interest received.

Minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2018

The minutes could not be agreed as an accurate record as the meeting was inquorate. The minutes would therefore need to be signed at the next quorate meeting of SACRE on 11 June 2019.

Verbal Update on the Annual Report

Mrs Smith-Orr informed Members that the Annual Report had been circulated to all relevant bodies and that it was due to be presented to the Children's, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee on 28 March 2019.

Verbal Update on the Teachers Training Event on 20 March 2019

Mrs Smith-Orr confirmed that the training programme and associated cost of the Teacher Training event on 20 March had been finalised. The training would be hosted by RE today and was due to be held at the Mercure hotel in Maidstone.

- Morning session (09:30 – 12:00): Re-run of the Kent Syllabus launch (£15)
- Afternoon session (13:00 – 15:30): Creative ideas for primary schools (£15)
- Twilight session (16:00 – 18:00): Creative ideas for secondary school (£15)
- All day attendance/ attendance to more than one session (£25)

Mrs Smith-Orr advised Members that should they wish to attend, they would be required to pay £15 enrolment fee via the booking page on the Education People website.

Verbal Update on SACRE Budget

Mrs Smith-Orr gave a verbal update on the SACRE budget

Verbal Update on KELSI Website

Mrs Smith-Orr confirmed that the Kelsi website had been updated with additional SACRE guidance as requested by Members of the Committee.

Verbal Update on the Monitoring of Religious Education and Collective Worship in Schools

Mrs Smith-Orr thanked Members for their continued effort in helping to monitor the school websites and presented the collated results. Following the previous SACRE meeting, Mrs Smith-Orr also informed the Committee that a draft letter had been produced and would be circulated to schools via the Kelsi e-bulletin and would be published onto the SACRE page of the Kelsi website.

Training Activity - How the Kent Syllabus has been applied to Secondary School Education

Mrs Burke provided examples of class work produced by students within her school to demonstrate how the Kent Syllabus had been applied and modified to meet the needs of the students.

Any Other Business

Mr Manion advised the Committee that a specialist speaker whose expertise was in special Needs teaching would be attending the June meeting.

Mrs Grant reported that the National Assembly in London had contacted the Baha'i community and requested that a guest speaker attend a school to talk to the pupils about the Baha'i religion and had received a further request to return and present.

Mrs Younosi advised the Committee that the interfaith group held its meeting at the Buddhist venue and sought Members agreement to hold the SACRE meeting of 11th November at the suggested venue. Mrs Younosi agreed to liaise with the Buddhist community representative to confirm attendance.

Mrs Smith-Orr informed Members that the NASACRE AGM was due to be held on 22 May 2019. Mrs Smith-Orr and Mr Manion confirmed attendance.