

HAMMERSMITH AND FULHAM SACRE MEETING

Tuesday 26th November 2024

Venue: Online via Teams

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

For the meeting to be Quorate there must be at least 1 representative present from each of the groups listed below

Attendees:

GROUP	PRESENT
GROUP A Christian Faiths and Other Religious Denominations	Naif Shaikh (NS)
	Vicky Harris (VH)
	Imran Asif (IA)
GROUP B Church of England	Astrid Wilson (AW)
GROUP C Teacher Association	Fiona Battah (FB)
GROUP D Local Authority	Chris Cosker (CC)
	Georgina Herry (GH)
	Ian Nicholson (IN)
	Sharon Webber (SW)
	Cllr Umeh Mercy (UM)
OTHER ATTENDEES	Tracy Barrow - CLERK
	Eleanor Allen (EA)
APOLOGIES	Mark Newton (MN)
	Hannah Abu-Ghaida (HAG)
	Joanna Asia Grzybowska
	Chris Cosker (CC) to arrive late

ITEM NUMBER	AGENDA ITEM
1	Welcome, Introduction and Apologies GH Welcomed all to the meeting and gave apologies from Mark Newton and Hannah Abu-Ghaida. Joanna Asia Grzybowska gave her late apologies to this meeting GH discussed what was coming up on the agenda.

2	<p>Agree Minutes to Meeting of last meeting - Wednesday 5th June 2024</p> <p>The SACRE Panel agreed with the minutes of the previous meeting, although the following was discussed.</p> <p>NS – asked about curriculum update regarding discussions from Hampshire? GH – Initial thoughts is that we do not need to update syllabus just yet. NS – I will share documentation regarding Ramadan. VH – With regards the dates for next meetings – had the religious requirements festivals been considered when choosing the dates? GH – The fixing of the dates was done at the summer meeting and was agreed with colleagues who were at those meetings, everyone was asked if these dates were suitable. We can look at the dates again if we need to change them. VH – The Jewish Festival will take place over the 2nd and 3rd June which is observed by Orthodox Jews. This would mean that the 1st, 2nd and 3rd June would be difficult to attend meetings</p> <p>ACTION: VH to share documents with dates from Jewish religion.</p> <p>ACTION: Clerk to RECIRCULATE DATES to see if dates are still suitable for the summer meeting.</p> <p>IN gave a quick update from the SACRE Conference 24. Theme was sharing good practice and to monitor practices within RE and the schools.</p> <p>GH – Asked if there were any slides that could be shared? IN – There are but because we were not at the conference we are not allowed to share the slides.</p> <p>ACTION: Deep and meaningful report to be circulated with these minutes; this was an action from previous meeting</p> <p>Amy Cotton is on Maternity leave so will not be able to attend these meetings but she is keen to continue when she returns.</p> <p>All actions were noted.</p>
3	<p>Sharon Webber Introduction</p> <p>SW introduced herself to the group and likewise everyone did the same.</p> <p>IA will be taking over from NS in future meetings.</p> <p><i>Chris Cosker and Eleanor Allen joined the meeting at 18:33</i></p>

4	<p>Membership & Recruitment including election of new Chair for 25/26 IA will be taking over from NS in future meetings.</p> <p>Matthew Jenkins at William Morris 6th Form has requested to join Group C – Teacher Association.</p> <p>Gaps in Group A – Catholic, Hindu, Buddhist, Methodist still need to be represented. Not restricted to these faiths we want to remain open and encouraging.</p> <p>Group C – We need to expand this group. FB could you see if anyone in any other schools would like to join us?</p> <p>ACTION: Keep Membership as a standing agenda item.</p> <p>Role of Chair – MN Long standing chair. MN happy to continue but wondered if anyone else would like to have a chance to be the chair. There is a link in the powerpoint for the JD and we also need a Vice Chair.</p> <p>ACTION: Anyone interested in becoming Chair or Vice chair to read the information on the link held within the Powerpoint Presentation and make representation to the Clerk.</p> <p>ACTION: Clerk to submit any nominations to MN for review.</p> <p>ACTION: Clerk to attach Powerpoint with Minutes.</p>
5	<p>Update from Ian Nicholson National Update – RE GCSE has remained stable and has seen a slight increase in England. First time this year there has been an interest in the Short course as well. Around 250,000 students are studying a GCE in RE. 1 in 6 children are not receiving any RE education in year 11. This is an area of concern that has been reported to the DfE by NATRE.</p> <p>London has a higher than national average record of students taking A level RE which currently stands at 2%.</p> <p>I am waiting on data from the DfE for the number of RE specialism teachers in LA schools.</p> <p>Interfaith network no longer exists but the interfaith group are still working together with schools.</p> <p>We need to look at which teachers have an RE degree – there was a bursary this year for trainee teachers who want to teach RE. Over the past 11 out of 12 years we have not met the quota for RE teachers but the bursary this year has helped these numbers to increase.</p>

5	<p>RE is part of the national statement of entitlement. Every child should have the right to an RE education. There is a religion and belief hub that has been set up which is a new resource for teachers to utilise.</p> <p>Ethics cup for schools – accuracy in the curriculum will be a big thing and will be open to any school who want to participate. This is still open to all schools around the UK.</p> <p>GH opened up to the Group for Questions. EA – There needs to be more CPD in schools for Teachers SW – I think it would be wise to hold off with any curriculum changes until the government guidance is released.</p>
6	<p>SACRE Annual Report</p> <p>GH – Everyone received the report in advance of this meeting, so does anyone have any questions or can the Board agree for IN to submit the report?</p> <p>VH – suggested the following amendments to the report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. p6 last sentence should read “At present these data are unverified”. 2. p9 under Local bodies, expand to list which religious groups are represented. <p>VH – You have said in the report that local religious groups well represented, however, it might be better to expand on this to show exactly which groups are being represented.</p> <p>ACTION: IN to make small amendments.</p> <p>GH thanked IN and MN for the hard work for this report.</p> <p>SACRE ANNUAL REPORT AGREED</p>
7	<p>Audit – What Teachers are Teaching</p> <p>We do not have a full and accurate picture of the way RE is being taught in schools. We have not done an audit for some time as to what is being taught and time allocations in schools around that.</p> <p>Is SACRE happy for an audit to be undertaken within H&F schools to see what is being taught. This will happen from January in Community Schools, we will then bring this back to the group.</p> <p>EA – it would be great, but can this actually happen? GH – yes it could – we could do it through a simple MS form SW – How much is being taught by an actual RE Teacher? – it would be interested to see how many teachers are actually RE teachers and not specialising in other areas. GH – yes that would be interesting too UM – will it include free schools?</p>

7	<p>GH – no in the first instance it would be the 11 community schools which allows us to fulfil statutory duty, but the next phase could be to look at secondary, and free school primary schools. FB – Our RE teachings has a Gold Mark Standard</p> <p>SACRE AGREED to the audit being undertaken. Bring back high-level summary for Spring SACRE</p>
8	<p>Lesley Prior Remembrance Ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting to be held in different places of worship in person (once per term) • RE Award from SACRE – Lesley Prior Award for Outstanding RE in Hammersmith & Fulham • Annual RE Teachers Dinner <p>IDEAS DISCUSSED</p> <p>Other ideas were: CC – likes the RE Award FB – RE Teachers Dinner AW – Supports the Award SW – Would award be a one off each year or would it be that all schools could win by a project? GH – Criteria is open at the moment and is open to further discussion if decided this is what would like. UM – Award is a nice idea and would be great.</p> <p>ACTION: Clerk to send out a poll to all SACRE Members.</p>
9	<p>AOB No AOB</p>
10	<p>Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 18th March 2025</p> <p>SPRING or SUMMER Meeting in Person? NS – Fasting starts on the 1st of March 2025 (it should be ok but may need to join online).</p>
Meeting closed at 19:15	

Spring term	Summer term
18 th March 2025	3 rd June 2025

Agenda Number	Action	Who to Action
2	Share documents with dates from Jewish religion. See link below: Calendar-of-Jewish-Festivals-and-Fasts-2023-2028.pdf	VH
2	Clerk to RECIRCULATE DATES to see if dates are still suitable for the summer meeting.	Clerk
2	Deep and meaningful report to be circulated with these minutes.	Clerk
4	Membership to be a standing agenda item	Clerk
4	Powerpoint to be attached to minutes	Clerk
4	Anyone interested in becoming Chair or Vice chair to read the information on the link held within the Powerpoint Presentation and make representation to the Clerk. Clerk to forward all nominations to MN for review.	All Clerk
6	IN to make small amendments to the Annual Report and then submit	IN
8	Poll to be sent out to SACRE members regarding Lesley Prior remembrance ideas	Clerk

Agenda Number	Agreed
6 Annual Report	SACRE AGREED for the Annual Report to be submitted once IN has made the small amendments recommended by the board
7 Audit What Teachers are Teaching	SACRE AGREED to the audit being undertaken and AGREED to bring back a high-level summary to the Spring SACRE.