

Minutes of SACRE meeting 07.10.08
Sandown high School

The business meeting was preceded by a presentation by Sheila Gillespie and Howard Cunnington, RE teachers at Sandown High. They were supported by Cath Skallen, Deputy Headteacher. Members were informed about the progress made in teaching RE over the past two years. This included such things as improved timetable, allocated time and schemes of work. There has been an improvement in the take-up of GCSE courses by students. Twenty five currently with remainder on short courses. The current two exam. boards will be phased into one. Students are now more positive in their attitudes to the subject. The Chairman thanked all involved for their hospitality and also for their enthusiasm and dedication to teaching RE.

Chairman Erica Oulton

Attendance Ralph Hodd (RC); Alan Wells (Councillor); Anne Lane (Teacher) ; Lynn Churchill-Slough (teacher); Robert Bailey (teacher, special schools); Helen Flynn (headteacher)

In attendance Harry Kirby (Clerk/Consultant); David Downer (Buddhist Faith); Lionel Alexander (Isle of Wight Jewish Society); Lilian Weatherley (RE Consultant),

Apologies Rev Mike Exell (C.E.); Chris Vieler-Porter (Director's Rep). Pat Goodhead (Directors Rep); Glenn Ford (Free Churches); The Venerable Caroline Baston (C.E); Joy Buckley (teacher); Reverend Mike Excell (CE)

The Chairman welcomed Robert Bailey to his first meeting of SACRE. Other new representatives are; David Cave (CE), Sue Cox (CE)

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as a true record.

1. Matters Arising

- The appointment of Deputy Chairman (Chairman Designate) will be addressed at the next meeting as only one member of the relevant sub-committee was in attendance.
- St George's award is £2000 which will be spent on additional RE resources.
- St Thomas' award was reported in the local press.
- Budgets for Agreed Syllabus and SACRE were now clearly identified in the LA. It was unanimously agreed that, if necessary, up to £1000 could be vired from SACRE budget to the Agreed Syllabus budget. This to be delegated to Chairman in consultation with the Clerk to action. Proposed, Lynn Churchill-Slough, seconded, Ralph Hodd.

2. Correspondence

- Details of course on "Government's Interfaith Strategy.
- Resignation, due to professional commitments, of Louise Southwell. Roman catholic replacement rep. sought.
- NASACRE seeking details of "Committee A Representatives, and Clerk's response
- Details of course, being run nationally, on the Island in December, on Islam.
- Details of Holy Trinity and ABK's GCSE Results, taken early. 13 students took the exam. 4 achieved "A", 6 achieved "B", 2 achieved "C" and 1 achieved "E". Clerk to congratulate staff and students on the standards achieved. Ralph Hodd's input and support was recognised by the Headteacher, alongside that of Nigel Cox.

3. Reports from Members attending Conferences/Meetings

- No conferences nor other meetings had been attended.

4. Religious Education update/ Agreed Syllabus

- New agreed Syllabus now complete. Currently being proof-read.
- Materials for Autumn term on line.
- Steering group had decided to take draft Syllabus off Eduwight. The group agreed that it was not appropriate to be on-line before being launched.
- The overview, required by schools, is on Eduwight.
- Lilian Weatherley will liaise with Kevin re-best way to make resources available on line.

5. SACRE Development Plan

- The current Development Plan is now complete and the new one will be established at SACRE's January development morning. Lilian reiterated SACRE's difficulties in monitoring RE now that OFSTED no longer report on the subject in each inspection.

6. Agreed Syllabus Launch.

- Will take place at Cowes Yacht Haven on **22nd January 2008**. Draft programme, drawn up by Steering Group, discussed and commended. Copy attached. Reasons for the postponed launch were explained. Members agreed that to postpone was the right decision.
- Invitation list was discussed.
- There will be just one day's training to introduce the Syllabus.
- SACRE Development/training will be led by Graham Langtree on the morning of the same day.
- Alan wells will alert "One Island" to the event.

7. Annual report.

- Clerk/consultant to collate contributions from RE Advisor, retiring Chairman, Local Authority. It was agreed that the draft report, agreed by RE Advisor, Chairman and Clerk, should be circulated for members' comments. A meeting to approve will be called only if there is a need arising from members' Draft to be complete by end of November.

8. Any Other Business

- The Chairman, on behalf of all members, expressed appreciation of Joy Buckley's leadership of SACRE over the past four years. "Enthusiasm", "innovation", "energetic" and "ball of fire" were all words to describe that role!!
- Members appreciated the smooth transition of two schools to become Christ the King College. Members appreciated the successful amalgamation of schools and subsequent opening of the College. In the words of the headteacher " It is truly a reflection of successful partnership working across so many people in the context of Christian faith."
- Clerk raised the possibility of utilising prisoners of "other" faiths as an education resource.
- Lilian described links being forged between High Schools on the Island and a 3000 student High School in Santa Monica.
- Ann Lane reminded members of the Cowes High School facility to train "Listeners" in other High Schools.
- Lynn Churchill-Slough expressed her appreciation of kind thoughts expressed by members during her recent absence from meetings.

9. Future Meetings

3rd. March 2009	Primary school (Arreton St George's?)
2nd June 2009	Middle School (to be identified)
6th October 2009	Christ the King College.

All meetings at 1600hrs unless otherwise notified.

SACRE Action Plan 2007-2009 and Record of Progress as at 26.02.08

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Area to Develop</u>	<u>Success criteria</u>	<u>responsibilities</u>	<u>timescale</u>	<u>resources</u>
1 Monitor RE and Collective Worship to ensure statutory entitlement for all pupils.	RE/Collective Worship SEF to be collated and analysed by SACRE in alternate years. RE advisor to formulate SEF's.	SACRE informed. Schools aware of RE/Collective Worship responsibilities. Training needs identified All pupils receive statutory entitlement to quality RE and Collective Worship.	SACRE Clerk/Chairman Working party	RE 2007 SEF distributed, summer term. Collated autumn term 2007 Collective Worship 2008 SEF out summer term. Collated autumn term	RE advisor's time SACRE time
2 Identify training needs and necessary resources to ensure the provision of RE is of a high quality.	Questionnaires as needed into schools to identify needs Recommend to LA training needs of teachers Areas of expertise identified. Establish RE support network for teachers	Needs identified and met. Support group set up Teachers confident in delivering RE	RE advisor SACRE membership Steering group	Ongoing with Annual Review.	Advisor's time Steering group time funded by LA
3 Develop New Agreed Syllabus	Establish Timetable for production. Identify costs and arrange funding	Agreed Syllabus production on target	RE Advisor Clerk/Consultant SACRE	As set out in production timescale	Funding for Steering group RE Advisor and Clerk/Consultant's time
4 Encourage a multi faith attendance on SACRE	Clerk/consultant to contact Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist and Sikh communities to invite observers. Establish links between faith groups and schools.	Other faith communities attend SACRE as observers.	Clerk/consultant. Working party	September 2007	
5 Develop links with other SACRE's.	Contact local and national SACRE's. Arrange exchange visits.	Members aware of practice of other SACRE's and assimilation of good practise	Clerk/consultant. SACRE members Working party	Ongoing	Clerks time SACRE members time
6 Raise awareness of Elected Members, Faith Leaders, Governors and Head Teachers of the role of SACRE.	Flyer on the role of SACRE to be designed and produced on the nature of RE and role of SACRE Flyer on to be sent to all groups. Open meeting on role of SACRE and celebration of RE combined with AGM.	All relevant parties/stakeholders are aware of the existence and role of SACRE and RE on island.	Chair to use students to design flyer. Chair to contact County Press re design of flyer by students. Clerk to distribute Working party	September 2007	Student time County press Printing costs. Distribution time Clerks time

Launch of agreed syllabus 22nd January 2009

DRAFT PROGRAMME

IW AGREED SYLLABUS LAUNCH
Cowes Yacht Haven
22 January 2009

Development Morning for SACRE members

0930 Times and order TBA

Programme

1600 Welcome reception. Refreshments
1630 Formal Welcome by Chair of SACRE (Joy)
Song Katie Denham
Lighting of 6 candles (with pictures behind to represent faiths?)
Chairman (retiring) of SACRE
Newport C of E presentation
Nodehill Middle School presentation (live debate)
Graham Langtree
Christ the King College
Louise Southwell's school. Drama. Light of Buddha
Presentation by 6th form Student Joseph Plumb (RE experience)
St. George's School
Erica Oulton (New Chairman of SACRE)
Presentation (by Joy) of New Agreed Syllabus to Leader of council)
Medina High School Dance
Blessing and Close by Archdeacon