

THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA
STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - SACRE

Notes of the meeting of the SACRE which took place on Thursday 12 November 2020. The meeting was a virtual and took place on Microsoft teams. The meeting began at 5.00pm.

Representing Christian and other religious denominations

Ms Darcy Biddulph	Buddhist Faith Representative
Ms Susan Jaff	Islamic Faith Representative
Mr Naif Sheikh	Islamic Faith Representative
Laurence Julius (Chair)	Jewish Faith Representative

Representing the Church of England

Mr Graham Marriner	London Diocesan Board for Schools
Mrs Katrina Quinton	London Diocesan Board for Schools
Mrs Kathryn Kane	London Diocesan Board for Schools

Representing teachers (including teachers of RE) and teachers' associations

Ms Celia Garth Rodriguez	Teacher Colville Primary School
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Representatives from the LA, including Councillors and RE advisors.

Councillor David Lindsay

Ms Lesley Prior	RE Consultant to the SACRE
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In attendance

Jackie Saddington	LA - Head of Governor Services
Julie Farmer	Clerk

Members of the Public in attendance -

Desmond Biddulph

1. Apologies for Absence.

1.1 No apologies were received.

2. Membership Update

- **Resignations** – it was noted that Karen Wyatt (Group A Roman Catholic representative) had resigned from the SACRE.

- **New Member requests** – none currently in progress

ACTION

Clerk to continue to seek nominees from appropriate nominating bodies. Members who knew of any possible applicants to contact the clerk directly.

- **Code of Conduct** - the NASACRE generic code was circulated to members, Jackie Saddington explained that the code could be adopted as it is or to be adapted for the RBKC SACRE and would be circulated to the next meeting.

ACTION – Update code to be circulated with the agenda for the next meeting. Clerk

- **National Census 2021** – Jackie Saddington advised the members of the SACRE that when the results of the census are received, the makeup of the SACRE would be reviewed by the LA to ensure that the make-up of the group reflects the local population.
- LP added that it is the LA and not the SACRE that sets the membership. The major world faiths are represented - but she would advise the LA when they review the membership that small local faiths should also be represented on the SACRE.

3. Best Practice Network

- Supporting Materials to schools

3.1 There followed a long discussion on the process for vetting supporting materials.

3.2 All the members of the SACRE agreed that there needed to be a simple fast and efficient process to vet the materials.

3.3 LP explained about the work of the Best Practice Network and about the Newsletters she produced. These are circulated to SACRE members for information. She suggested RE materials can be reviewed by the best practice network. The delivery of RE is about the content and teaching of the materials; the Borough's Agreed Syllabus has a particular pedagogical content. Resources made available for schools to use must be factually accurate and by including teachers in the process we can make sure that the materials are suitable for use in community schools.

3.4 In response to a query CG explained that the network covered the tri-borough and how it worked, it was very effective. Teachers can talk and compare the materials and resources they are using

3.5 It was suggested that materials should be sent to the network for its consideration before being added to the services2schools site. However, DB was concerned that this might add layers which would delay the process and NS also expressed concern because there were no expert faith group members as part of that network. DB and SJ were also of the view that the Network should not be used for approval of

resource materials as that is the role of the SACRE. Some members felt they were not qualified to make a judgment on other faith's materials and LP should give members advice.

3.6 JS added that the SACRE needed to decide how it wanted to review materials – she referred to materials previously sent by members to the Clerk – but made it clear that it was not for the Clerk to vet, or make a decision on, the materials.

3.7 Decision to be made – the Chair stated that SACRE members could –

- wait and make a decision at the next meeting.
- Submit materials to the Best practice network – it meets regularly (whilst the SACRE meets 3 times a year)
- Review of materials by the SACRE as a group before information is added to the website

After a vote it was -

AGREED that all materials should be sent to LP as adviser to the SACRE – materials would then be circulated electronically to all SACRE members with her comments. They would have 10 working days to respond with comments/ corrections. Any responses to materials should go to the Chair who would advise the clerk which materials could then be added to the services2schools area alongside the Agreed Syllabus.

Where any member objects to materials/resources put forward for use, these materials would not be uploaded to the services2schools site and would be brought back to the next meeting of The SACRE for discussion by members.

The process would be reviewed in a year.

(Cllr David Lindsay left the meeting)

4. Date of next meeting -

4.1 A SACRE member asked that a further meeting date be agreed so that the rest of the items on the agenda could be considered.

ACTION – Clerk to liaise with SACRE members to set the date of the next meeting

The meeting ended at 6.36pm.