Notes of the meeting of the SACRE which took place on Thursday 12 March 2020 at Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street, London. W8 7NX. The meeting began at 5.00pm.

Representing Christian and other religious denominations
Laurence Julius (Chair) Jewish Representative

Representing the Church of England
Mr Graham Marriner London Diocesan Board for Schools
Mrs Katrina Quinton London Diocesan Board for Schools

Representing teachers (including teachers of RE) and teachers’ associations
Ms Celia Garth Rodriguez Teacher Colville Primary School

Representatives from the LA, including Councillors and RE advisors.
Councillor David Lindsay
Mrs Lucy Nutt Principal Lead Adviser

In attendance
Ms Lesley Prior Consultant to the SACRE
Ms Julie Farmer Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence.

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Ms Darcy Biddulph, Mr Ken Persaud and Ms Karen Wyatt.

2. Membership Update.

2.1 It was noted that Mr Javid Djalili had resigned from the SACRE. The clerk had written to thank him for his service and for his role of Chair.

2.2 Vacancies – Noted that the Clerk had contacted and is still seeking nominations for long standing vacancies including teaching unions, the London Diocesan Board and the Diocese of Westminster. Cllr Lindsay –
suggested contacting the Area Dean for Kensington the Revd Mark O'Donoghue.

2.3 The clerk explained that teachers eligible for membership of Group C would need to be nominated by their teaching union. A copy of the form needed to be completed was circulated with the minutes for teachers to share with interested/eligible colleagues.

**ACTION** Clerk to continue to seek nominees from possible appointing bodies. Members who knew of eligible applicants could contact the clerk directly. If possible nominees are interested in getting more information about the SACRE they could also view the SACRE area of the Royal Borough's website. Link given below.

https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/children-and-education/schools/school/sacre

3. **Election of Chair**

3.1 No nominations were made before the meeting. At the meeting one nominee came forward and it was proposed and seconded by Cllr Lindsay that Mr Laurence Julius be nominated for Chair of the SACRE.

3.2 The recommendation was AGREED by a show of hands.

3.3 Mr Laurence Julius was elected Chair of the Royal Borough’s SACRE. LJ took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

**Constitution**

3.4 Members considered a copy of the updated constitution. It was noted that the membership of Group A reflects Christian and other religious denominations in the Borough. LP explained that SACREs often feel that a wider membership is useful. An updated membership could include Sikh and Humanist representatives. The main groups that schools find helpful to have representatives on the SACRE are – Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Muslim, Jewish, Sikh and Humanist

**ACTION** the Membership of Group A, as set out in the constitution to be updated following the census which is to take place in March 2021. Constitution to be amended to state that it would be reviewed every 4 years and also to be updated as required – Clerk.

**ACTION** Clerk to email LP and Celia the SACRE nomination form. A copy of the amended and dated constitution to be added to the SACRE area of the Boroughs website – Clerk.

*(Graham Marriner arrived)*
4. **Notes of meetings held on 19 November 2019 and 16 January 2020 were circulated with the agenda.**

   **Minutes of SACRE - 19 November 2019** – the following amendments were made –
   - Para 5.1 refers – ‘balance’ amended to ‘balanced’
   - Para 5.2 refers - ‘dice’ amended to ‘dive.’

4.1 Subject to the above amendments the minutes were AGREED as a correct record of the meeting

4.2 Matters arising - if not considered elsewhere on the agenda.

4.3 There were none.

   **Minutes of ASC 16 January 2020** –

4.4 The minutes were AGREED as a correct record of the meeting

4.5 Matters arising - if not considered elsewhere on the agenda -

   LP referred to the final paragraph of the notes which state that -
   ‘A vote was taken, with each group having one vote each. All members voted to adopt the Hampshire Syllabus. DeB’s vote was on the proviso that schools will receive the Buddhist Society resource pack with the Syllabus.’

She explained that this refers to resource materials which will be available. She added that she had just received a hard copy of materials from DB, however, she would have to make sure that they are fit for purpose. She explained that resource materials would not be limited to the Buddhist faith but that there would be supporting materials from other Faiths too, such as Sikhism and Hinduism.

5. **Update from the SACRE Consultant – Agreed Syllabus**

5.1 **Training and Launch of the Syllabus** -LP reported that subsequent to the ASC meeting she had spoken to Pat Hannam, it was accepted that the reference to ‘Shirk’ is an error and will be removed  Susan Jaff’s emails re, typos had also been forwarded and corrections will be made. LP had also made the point to PH that the London version of the Agreed Syllabus would require more materials for the Primary phase – because of the greater number of religions in the London area.

5.2 LP also explained that the ‘parent’ syllabus is to also come under review and that the ‘London Syllabus’ which will have already been adopted can then be looked at again in light of the updated parent version. At that point the 5 year review clock for the Borough’s Syllabus would begin again. Pat had asked
her to be involved in the Hampshire review and a second review of the London Syllabus would be at a reduced cost.

5.3 **Agreed Syllabus Launch** - LP stated that there had been discussions about the AS launch. It was hoped that Hampshire would provide training and in the afternoon there could be a launch of the Syllabus over tea and cake. A date and time would need to be set. A proposed venue is the Sikh Temple (Norland Ward) LP suggested approaching Bhupinder Singh (H&F SACRE).

**ACTIONS**

LP to approach Hampshire about a possible training date in early June, a venue would also need to be secured

6. **Resources for Website.**

6.1 No update given by SACRE members.

7. **SACRE Annual Report 2018/19**

7.1 The draft report, subject to the addition of further pen portraits was AGREED.

8. **2020 Conference – NASACRE**

8.1 **NASCRE Conference and AGM Monday 18 May 2020** - Venue Crowne Plaza London - The City, 19 New Bridge St, London EC4V 6DB. 11am start – Key note speaker is Matthew Purves, Ofsted’s Deputy Director, Schools. LN added that Matthew Purves will take up post as director of education services Academies Enterprise Trust (AET) in April.

8.2 LJ agreed to attend and that a request would be sent out asking if another member of the SACRE would also wish to attend.

9. **NASACRE – Briefing no 24**

9.1 A copy of the document was circulated with the minutes.

9.2 LP reported on -

- Dr Richard Kueh’s appointment as the new Ofsted lead for RE
- Increase in mentions about RE in Ofsted inspections they have been part of ‘deep dives’ in primary inspections.

9.3 LN added that as an Ofsted Inspector that 3 or 4 subjects may be covered but only two may be mentioned in the final report. LP added that NASACRE want to provide briefing papers about Agreed Syllabus and Hampshire are working on this

*(Cllr David Lindsay left the meeting)*
10. Ramadan Guidance

10.1 Ramadan 2020 in the UK will begin Thursday, 23 April 2020 and ends in the evening of Saturday, 23 May 2020. Guidance for 2020 to be updated as required and circulated in the Schools Bulletin. Noted that this year Ramadan falls during the SATS examination period.

10.2 LP added that Harrow SACRE has produced guidance on absence for religious observance.

ACTION LP to provide the guidance as an item for the summer term meeting of the SACRE.


None.

12. Any other Business.

12.1 Meeting dates for 20/21 to be an agenda item at the next meeting.

13. Date of next meeting.

- Tuesday 16 June 2020

The meeting ended at 6.10 pm.