



Committee	Present	Apologies
1	Ruhi Altman (Alevi) (RA)	Premal Birdi (Sikhism) (PB) Naftali Loewenthal (Judaism) (NL)
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3	Sandra Hall (Chair) (SH) Sheena Merchant (SM)	Claire Gray (CG) Brenda Humphries (BH)
4	Stacey Burman (SB) David Pollock (Vice Chair) (DP) Cllr Sade Etti (SE) Cllr Katie Hanson (KH) Cllr Harvey Odze (HO) Cllr Jessica Webb (JW) Sue Roberts (Guest) (SR)	

Item	Notes/discussion	Actions
Welcome, Introduction and Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cllr Katie Hanson (Outgoing Chair) opened the meeting at 18:30 and everyone introduced themselves. Justin Feltham clerking meeting. ● Ruhi Altman arrived at 7pm at which point the meeting was quorate. ● Cllr Odze asked for an updated list of SACRE members. Stacey Burman circulated the updated list and requested attendees check the information held for them is correct. ● SB advised that Premal Birdi was stepping down from membership of SACRE as he was leaving HLT and therefore will no longer have a link to Hackney as he doesn't live in Hackney. 	
Apologies	Please see above.	N/A
Minutes of previous meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● JF circulated the minutes of the meeting held on 11 July. ● SB confirmed that she had circulated the Amanda Spielman speech as per the action. She advised to note there are a couple of reports which will have an update. ● It was requested to change the word "Group" to "Committee" on the minutes. ● SH proposed acceptance of the minutes from the previous meeting and the minutes of the March meeting, DP seconded. ● As the meeting was quorate both sets of minutes were agreed. 	JF to amend "Group" to Committee on 11 July and all future minutes.
Elections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It was suggested that the Chair should rotate around various committees and therefore Cllr Katie Hanson stepped down from Chair in order for someone else to be elected. ● SB Chaired the election of a new chair and vice chair. ● Sandra Hall nominated herself as Chair, Cllr Jessica Webb seconded Sandra's nomination. ● A vote was held and Sandra Hall was elected to Chair unanimously. ● SH nominated David Pollock as Vice Chair, JW seconded this nomination. ● Ruhi Altman was nominated by Cllr Harvey Odze as Vice Chair, RA seconded his nomination. 	

<p>Constitution</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A vote was held and David Pollock received a majority of votes and was elected vice chair. ● Clerk to let HLT know new Chair and vice chair ● SH chaired the remainder of the meeting. ● Thanks were passed to KH for her time as chair. ● Constitution changes which had previously been circulated were discussed. As these were proposed by SH, DP chaired this section of the meeting. The following areas of change were discussed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Under “membership” for Committee 3 change sentence to <i>‘Teachers and Head teacher Association – should comprise of teacher representatives from the main teaching unions , and should have representation from both Hackney primary and secondary schools’</i> and remove names of associations. ○ Proposal to change Chair of Hackney SACRE to include <i>‘the chair can be drawn from any of the four committees within the SACRE (see membership) and shall be elected on individual votes from the members each year.’</i> ○ If it is not statutory for LBH/HLT to appoint the Chair of Hackney SACRE then the sentence <i>‘The Chair of the SACRE shall be appointed by the LA following recommendations by Hackney SACRE each year’</i> is to be amended ○ Add in to the constitution a sentence regarding the vice chair. ○ Under the “Alteration to the Constitution” amend the sentence to <i>‘Any proposed changes to the constitution must be notified in writing to the Clerk and placed on an agenda and discussed in a meeting before a decision is taken.’</i> ○ Under “Conduct” amend to clarify the exception for election of the Chair and Vice Chair where all members have equal votes not per committee. ● SB will draft a new constitution with the above changes and bring this to the next meeting. 	<p>JF to inform HLT of new chair and vice chair.</p> <p>SB to draft suggested changes to the constitution and add to agenda of next meeting for agreement.</p>
<p>Locally agreed syllabus</p> <p>British Values</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SB discussed the “SB chart on British Values Guidance” which was circulated at the meeting. ● OFSTED are referencing British Values in their inspections. Even though the guidance is non-statutory it does form part of the SMSC which is statutory. However it seems that British values is being judged as a separate element. ● SB noted that some of the terms sound negative i.e. <i>tolerance</i>, and suggested to use more positive language in the syllabus. Rather than copy and paste the guidance SB suggested changing the wording to make it more positive and appropriate. ● SB advised there may be confusion due to wording <i>if school teachers about religious laws</i>. SR queried the detail around teaching religious law and the blurring line as to if it does not attest to British law, that the language is obtuse and it should be more to do with ethos. It was agreed that clarification should be made that religious laws should be taught as long as undermining English law is not promoted. It is important for schools and individuals to teach about (not promote) other faiths even if they conflict with their own. Except for religious schools the schools should not promote any particular faith. ● A suggestion was made to change “teach” to “teach about” where appropriate and to change “hold” to “hold and or practise” when talking about religion, faiths and beliefs. This will reflect diversity as there should be an understanding that everyone is different and within a religion people have different levels of practising. ● It was suggest that the word “accept” be included and also “treating people with respect” or “show respect”. We should be trying to achieve more than just tolerate. Perhaps “celebrate differences” and “understand that their belief system may be different to yours” 	

<p>Terminology</p> <p>Programmes of Study</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It was agreed to use “faith and belief” and also maybe “values” across the syllabus and “religion” where there is a specific need to. There is no legal clarification on the term religion but it is understood to be a way of life based on the belief you hold. A sentence should be added to clarify what is meant by each word. ● A question was asked how this will relate to the future syllabus at GCSE. SB responded that for GCSE pupils have to have an understanding of the beliefs but also to have religious literacy- the correct terminology when referencing places of worship and text etc. Although SACRE only write the syllabus for Key Stage 3, this does lead on to GCSE and therefore should be preparatory. ● A question was asked “what is meant by world views?” DP advised that Humanists coined the phrase “life stance” in the 1970’s. This was to take in the whole orientation that a person may have towards values. The phrase world views is now in use as an alternative to life stance and is very appropriate for covering the field. Religion would be a subset of world views. DP advised he strongly objects to the commission entitling world views as everything that is not religious beliefs. ● It was pointed out that the title of the committee includes Religious Education. It was agreed that there should be no objection to using the word religion as long as it is applied to religion. For example Humanism is not a religion or a faith. ● SB advised she would take into account all comments and draft British Values statement for members to consider at the next meeting. ● SB explained the programme of study is currently as set out in the syllabus. For each key stage it sets out what they should be covering for each of the 6 world religions. This is quite consistent across all boroughs. The teachers liked it as they have a reference for their religious literacy, but others may find it too restricting. ● SB suggested creating a reference in an appendix for this including the answers to big questions such as “does god exist” and how each religion would respond. ● KH advised that rather than put it into a grid it would be better to structure the syllabus as big questions for example what do different world views and religions think about afterlife. SB explained that this would be an appendix, not part of the syllabus. ● It was also suggested to include Humanists and Alevi in the Syllabus. ● SB will work with each religious group to incorporate into tis appendix document. 	<p>SB to draft British Values wording for syllabus and add to agenda for next meeting.</p>
<p>SACRE Webpage</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SB advised that following consultation with LBH IT and HLT IT the link to the SACRE page from the LBH website is now working. ● The link to the SACRE page can be reached either by directly typing in http://www.hackney.gov.uk/SACRE or http://www.hackney.gov.uk then clicking on schools and education and then there is a link entitled Hackney SACRE (Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education) to click on. ● Attendees were happy with this and thanked SB for organising. ● SB noted that now the link is in place and the minutes have been approved she will upload the minutes to the webpage. ● It was suggested that the page could be made more graphical and perhaps have different sections i.e. one for teaching and learning resources. ● SB also advised other councils have SACRE Facebook pages and this is something that could be considered for Hackney SACRE. 	<p>SB to upload minutes to SACRE webpage</p>

SACRE Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SB asked if HO can obtain photos from Purim. The primary networks are hoping to achieve a national RE quality mark award and one of the items is related to working in the community or linking in the community. HO will speak to Naftali or Dan Levy (Editor of Jewish Tribune) ● HO noted that there was a big parade today for a new Sefer Torah. This is the scroll of the law from Moses hand written on parchment. This is one of the holiest artefacts a synagogue has. SB asked HO to try and obtain pictures. 	HO to try to obtain photos of Sefer Torah and Purim parade.
School Networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SB will circulate what the primary and secondary schools have written as to what good RE looks like in due course following their Autumn Networks. This can then be added in to the syllabus. ● The secondary schools have also asked to have a competition similar to what the primary schools have. A suggestion was made of theming this around religion through art. If an event is held then SB requested members involvement. 	
CoRE Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SB noted the commission on RE report which was linked to in the agenda, She advised these are only recommendations, which include: ● There is a proposal to change the statutory law and legislation to a national entitlement and specify what pupils need to study ● There is also a proposal to change SACRE to local advisory networks that would include local institutions and interested parties i.e charities or museums. It could also include teacher training organisations and universities. ● A national syllabus rather than local syllabus has also been suggested. ● There is also proposals around withdrawal and looking at whether to investigate it further SB directed attendees to note the "A new settlement revised" which was linked to on the agenda. 	
Dates for future meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attendees noted the dates of the future meetings. 	
Any Other Business (AOB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SB advised Bromley SACRE are putting together guidance to schools for children fasting during Ramadan. This is to help schools support fasting pupils. SR mentioned guidance issued by the DfE, SB thought this only covers exam guidance. SB will ask permission bring Bromley SACRE guidance once completed to the next meeting to see if it is something Hackney SACRE should consider adopting. 	SB ask about bringing Bromley SACRE guidance on fasting to the next meeting.
Close	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting closed at 20:30. 	