

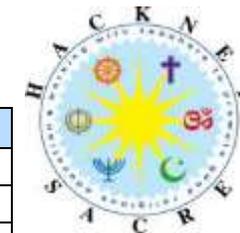
Hackney SACRE

Minutes of meeting: 20/3/18

Chair: Sandra Hall (Vice Chair)

Advisor: Stacey Burman, Hackney Learning Trust

Clerk: Sue Roberts, Hackney Learning Trust



Group	Present	Apologies
1	Ruhi Altun (Alevi)	Dulmini Wimalasekera (Buddhism); Mini Mody (Sikh); Samir Mody (Hindu)
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3	Sandra Hall (Vice Chair: chaired meeting); Claire Grey	Sheena Merchant
4	Cllr Kam Adams; David Pollock (Humanist); Cllr Harvey Odze	Katie Hanson (chair)

Item	Notes/discussion	Actions
Welcome, Introduction and Membership	<p>Welcome and Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sandra Hall (SH) opened meeting at 0612. Everyone introduced themselves. Stacey Burman (SB) returned from maternity leave in November 2017. Governors Services at the Hackney Learning Trust (HLT) had previously provided a clerk, updated membership lists, and had organised meeting invites, booking venues and apologies. SB has done these actions as best as she could without access to membership lists. SB confirmed that emails to Cllr Antoinette Bramble had bounced back, and that she had requested that the Mayor of Hackney was removed from the membership list by Governors Services at HLT. SB also explained that emails, text messages and voicemails had been repeatedly sent to Cllr Katie Hanson, but that no response had been received. David Pollock (DP) spoke to her on the phone, when she gave her apologies. The venue was the Tomlinson Centre because of the change in closing time of the Reading Lane building and SB had not had success in procuring a room at the Town Hall as previously suggested by Cllr Harvey Odze (HO). HO will see if he can do so for the next meeting. HO suggested that the Council could be asked if SACRE can be under the auspices of the council rather than HLT. Decided that SB would write to Tim Shields re this request. <p>Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting was non-quorate (less than 8 attendees, from at least 3 groups). Lack of quorate attendance has been a recurring issue in recent meetings. SH reminded of constitution, in which it states that failure to attend three meetings on a row is cause for consideration of membership status. It was agreed that SH, as chair of meeting, will contact members to remind them of this, and to remind them date of next meeting. 	<p>SB to write to Tim Shields about Council support for SACRE.</p> <p>HO to procure a room in the Town Hall for the next meeting.</p> <p>SH to email members reminding them of next meeting and of membership attendance as per constitution.</p>
Apologies	Please see above.	N/A
Minutes of previous meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correction to minutes of 4 July 2017: stating there were 7 people present, but only 5 were present. Non-quorate so could not officially approve minutes. 	SB to amend minutes (due to lack of appointed clerk) and include in agenda for next meeting.
Constitution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-quorate meeting, so could not officially vote on amendments suggested by SO in SACRE meeting of 4/7/17. 	To be included in agenda next meeting.

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National Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB shared the summaries of the national reports x2 (State of the Nation and CoRE Interim Report). These had been circulated previously. Members present confirmed they had received these via email. • CoRE final report should be published July 2018. Currently the Interim report includes 4 national recommendations, including the suggestion that SACREs will no longer be responsible for writing an agreed syllabus for RE. • SB had conducted a survey with the secondary schools in Hackney in November 2017, to which there were 4 replies – all said they do not consistently use the KS3 Programme of Study in the current Hackney Agreed Syllabus (HAS) as the basis for their curriculum planning. There are only two maintained non-faith secondary schools in Hackney, though there are a greater number of primary schools. The rest are faith schools or academies. • Primary schools were also included in a survey, and they too do not refer to the HAS for teacher planning, but instead all follow the Schemes of Work that SB writes/provides, which are not formally part of the HAS. 	None at this time.
Locally Agreed Syllabus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The HAS is due for revision and SB has begun the process, initially working with schools informally (see above) rather than creating a specific Agreed Syllabus Conference, due to budget and time constraints. SB may not be able to produce a final HAS by the end of 2018 due to other work commitments (verified by her line manager at the HLT Sue Roberts, who was in attendance). • An informal discussion – Agreed Syllabus Conference – was held as part of the SACRE meeting and is summarised below: Agreed Syllabus Conference • Detailed Programme of Study in the current HAS which lists the exact details and features of the 6 world religions that should be studied at each Key Stage 1-3. Although there are statements that RE provision in schools should reflect the demographic of the Borough, including Alevi and Humanist and Atheist population, this sentiment is not necessarily reflected by the Programme of Study. • In Hackney a minimal number of secondary schools obliged to follow the HAS for Key Stage Three (KS3), and a large proportion of Hackney primary schools follow the additional resources (Schemes of Work), rather than referring to the HAS to create their own. • There has also been requests for more support from the RE Advisor by Early Years providers, specifically those based in primary schools. HAS currently only has 1-2 pages of generic guidance, but further materials could be considered and included in the HAS, or as separate resources similar to the schemes of work provided for primary schools (KS1-2). • It was discussed whether producing a guidance rather than directive HAS might be more appropriate, demonstrating ‘what a strong RE curriculum could look like’ rather than the prescriptive Programmes of Study. • Other Boroughs are producing varying Agreed Syllabi (DP and SB) e.g. Hampshire is based on one specific pedagogy rather than detailing knowledge of the world religions that pupils must cover. SB to share examples at the next SACRE meeting. • Due to budget it is has been suggested that any new materials will only be published on line or as an electronic version. It was discovered in the meeting that the full HAS is freely available on the HLT web site. Though this is not the practice in most Boroughs, and SB will follow this up (see AOB below for discussion on Websites). • 	SB to share other Borough Agreed Syllabi as examples at the next SACRE meeting.

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RE Calendar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HLT, who control the SACRE budget, has approved funding for the calendar. • SB confirmed themes: KS1 Festivals and Celebrations, KS2 Special Buildings and Places. • The artwork was selected from the pupil entries from primary school competition and have been forwarded to the designer, now based at the Council. SB will be receiving an electronic draft, which she will circulate for comment to SACRE members. • SB forwarded a list of calendar dates, retrieved from numerous online resources and asked members to check dates. SB has and will be emailing further SACRE members and other colleagues to verify some of the dates. Members agreed to check the dates and email SB with amendments/comments by midday Monday 26/3/18. • In response to comment made by HO, SB confirmed that, as in the past, a comment will be included in the text of the calendar explaining that some festivals begin the evening before the date specified. 	Members of SACRE present at the meeting to check the dates and email SB with amendments/comments by midday Monday 26/3/18.
Dates for future meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmed as 19/6/18. • Please also see discussion about membership, above. 	HO to procure a room in the Town Hall for the next meeting.
SACRE Report 2016-2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These had been circulated via email previously. Members present confirmed they had received these. SB had incorporated amendments suggested by SO (clarification of acronyms) on 5/3/18. SB shared tis amended version. • In response to question made by HO, SB confirmed that all the schools whose results had been verified at the time of writing were included in the examination information. • This report to the DFE is now overdue, and it was agreed that, rather than amending/adding further examination information to this report which would then delay it further, SB should specify the date it was written and clarify that all verified data <i>at that time</i> was included. • HO also asked whether SACRE had a relationship with all the secondary schools named in the report. SB confirmed that she had tried a variety of communication as RE Advisor with HLT with all schools, but that very few respond or attend the termly network training/meetings provided by HLT for the Heads of RE in secondary schools. SO asked if this was because of a change to the timings of these to 4-6pm, as is the case for primary training (where there has been a steep decline in attendance since the change), but SB confirmed that secondary meeting/training from HLT has been at this 'twilight' time for a while. 	SB to add date written to report, with clarification statement about data and send to DFE.
Any Other Business (AOB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB shared a print out of what is currently the SACRE page on the HLT website. There is an obligation that the Constitution, minutes of SACRE meetings and SACRE reports are available for the public. DP clarified that this page sits in the teachers' resources area of the website and it was agreed that this may not be appropriate. • There is currently no link or mention of SACRE on the Hackney Council website. SB will investigate who creates the Council webpage and try to start a conversation with them about adding a link/page for SACRE. • It was agreed that teacher resources and Schemes of work should not be online, but teachers could link with RE Advisor via the SACRE webpage to access these. • It was discovered in the meeting that the full HAS is freely available on the HLT web site. It was agreed that this too should be accessible through the RE Advisor via communication via the web site. SB to discuss with John Pittman of HLT. 	<p>SB to investigate adding SACRE page/link to Hackney Council webpage.</p> <p>SB to discuss SACRE materials and presence on HLT website with John Pittman.</p>
Close	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting closed at 1927. 	