

## Hackney SACRE Draft Minutes of meeting: 12/03/25

### MEMBERSHIP

Committee	Name	Notes	Attendance
1. Religious Faith Groups	Hasan Bolucek	Alevi	No Apology received
		Jain/Hindu	
	Nirmal Hirani	Hindu	No Apology received
	Sheikh Yasar Zaman	Islam	No Apology received
	Rumana Rafique		No Apology received
	Naftali Loewanthall	Judaism	Attended
		Sikhism	
	Justin Madubuko	Catholic	Attended
	Pastor Joycelyn Dankwa	Methodist	No Apology received
	Paul Kaufman	Humanist	Attended
	Ivor Millman	Judaism	No Apology received
2. Church of England	Louise Ritchie	Church of England	Attended
3. Teachers	Sandra Hall	NEU	Attended
	Sheena Merchant	NEU	No Apology received
	Michelle Byrne	NEU	No Apology received
	Mariam Oriola	NEU	No Apology received
	Brenda Humphreys	NASUWT	Attended
	Linn Thorsen	NASUWT	Attended
4. Local Authority	Lynne Troughton (Cllr)	Councillor	Attended
	Ifraax Samatar	Councillor	No Apology received
	Kam Adams (Cllr)	Councillor	Attended
	Sade Etti (Cllr)	Councillor	No Apology received
	Claire Ramalli	Adviser	Attended
Observer	Damien Parrott	Observer	Attended
Potential Member	Hiral Patel	Buddhist	No Apology received

**Chair:** Sandra Hall **Advisor:** Claire Ramalli, Hackney Education **Clerk:** Jo Murray, HE

No.	Item
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1.	<b>Welcome, introductions and apologies</b>
2.	<p><b>Minutes of the previous meeting (5th December 2024)</b> The board declared the minutes accurate and APPROVED</p> <p><a href="#">Actions- see action item list (updated)</a></p> <p><b>Matters outstanding -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SACRE funding confirmation from AF - CR to follow up</li> <li>• 2.4 Members reminded that members need to contact CR if they would like a copy of the calendar.</li> <li>• Membership has been updated by the clerk</li> <li>• William Patten slides have not been shared - DP to follow up</li> <li>• Clerk to attend training - clerk to follow up</li> <li>• 7.5 self assessment toolkit - CR/DP to confirm budget</li> <li>• LT and CR to liaise regarding pupil voice</li> </ul>
3.	<p><b>Sharing Good Practice on the new local agreed syllabus.</b></p> <p>3.1 Sian Maciver from Sebright Primary provided the board with feedback on the new local syllabus. Her feedback was incredibly positive, stating the new syllabus was informative allowing for lessons to be creative. Sian stated that the pupils were engaged and enjoyed every lesson. An example of Y6 work was shared with the board, SM reported Y6 have enjoyed the rebirth/birth section</p> <p>3.2 Sian believed RE had been given a higher status in school due the the syllabus provided. Sian informed the board that scheduling a weekly lesson was needed to cover the whole syllabus and this was proving a challenge.</p> <p>3.3 <b>Board members questioned how much time was spent on the syllabus</b>, it was confirmed a whole day every half term was based around RE with discussions throughout the curriculum during art sessions/drama.</p> <p>3.4 <b>Board members asked if an hour a week was being planned</b>, SM confirmed an hour a week would be challenging, the timetable is limited.</p> <p>3.5 <b>Board members questioned how the school decided what topics are covered during the limited timetable and if the school were considering making more time available next year.</b> SM confirmed the school work through the timetable provided and class teachers will attempt to add further topics as appropriate. The RE lead will also ask class teachers to prioritise work pending the demographic of the class. SM confirmed to the board she is hoping to provide more time for Humanities lessons in school and consider working the syllabus into other subjects giving the example of Romans and season changes.</p> <p>3.6 <b>ACTION - SM to share examples of work with CR and a timetable that evidences what subjects are being covered.</b></p>
4.	<p><b>Member Presentation</b></p> <p>4.1 Dr Naftali Loewenthal, a board member, provided the board with a presentation called; The Jewish World View. Dr Naftali Loewenthal teaches at UCL and covers various subjects on the UG and PG programmes. This presentation informed the board of Jewish philosophy and beliefs. The presentation can be <a href="#">found here</a></p> <p>4.2 <b>The board questioned why only 7 laws not 10 commandments</b>, it was confirmed this was related to the sabbath. The 7 rules are general and cover the commandments.</p>

4.3	<p><b>The board discussed the jewish faith/Life after death and the jewish view of hell being a state of nothingness, a place of limbo that lasts for 11months and is a cleansing process.</b></p> <p>The board thanked NL for his informative presentation</p>
5.	<p><a href="#"><u>Hackney SACRE Annual report</u></a></p>
5.1	<p>CR gave an overview of the report confirming changes made to the format in the hope this made it clearer and inline with the NSACRE recommendations.</p>
5.2	<p>CR highlighted points of change and provided a verbal overview of the report. Changes included how the syllabus is shared and the launch. CR confirmed she had included Hackney results which evidence Hackney is performing above the national average. CR suggested collective worship be considered in the future.</p>
5.3	<p><b>The board APPROVED the report to be sent to NSACRE.</b></p> <p>ACTION - Clerk to send</p> <p>DP gave thanks to CR for completing the report and time</p>
6.	<p><a href="#"><u>Hackney SACRE-code of conduct</u></a></p>
6.1	<p>The board had received the SACRE and Newhams code of conducts to consider prior to the meeting, both versions were provided by CR to ensure choice and best practice.</p>
6.2	<p>The board agreed the NaSACRE version was the most relevant and appropriate being the national version.</p>
6.3	<p><b>The board APPROVED the use of the NSACRE code of conduct.</b></p> <p><b>ACTION - CLERK to add to website along with the minutes</b></p>
7.	<p><b>School visit- proforma</b></p>
7.1	<p>CR to provide school visits to assess how the new syllabus has been embedded in schools. CR suggested members of SACRE to attend with her. The visit is to support schools and for SACRE to be informed. The visits will promote best practice across Hackney.</p>
7.2	<p>CR asked members if they would be available to support from Oct 25. DP suggested combining the proforma with SIP meetings, confirming he would discuss with HE SLT and liaise with CR.</p> <p><b>NEXT AGENDA - School visit- proforma update</b></p>
8	<p><b>National and local updates</b></p>

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8.1	CR gave a verbal overview of events that have taken place for Hackney pupils since the last meeting. Including events at the picture house in January attended by Mike Levy.
8.2	CR shared some feedback from an event based around Alevism, CR shared videos about Alevism that were shared and relevant for KS2. SH provided feedback from the meeting informing the board of its informative nature.
8.3	<a href="#">#1 What is Alevism? (Young Learners)</a>
8.4	<b>The board suggested forums were held for Hackney teachers to inform them.</b>
8.5	<a href="#">Calendar dates</a> Members asked to consider the dates by the 22nd April  <b>NEXT AGENDA - 13/03/25 NSACRE meeting - SH and CR to attend and feedback</b>  <b>OAK National Academy</b> CR shared details of the <a href="#">OAK National Academy</a> and their phase 2 RE units, This is intended to support the syllabus not replace. All units will be available by the end of the academic year. <b>Members confirmed access to this was free for schools.</b>
9	<b>Dates for future meetings</b> 11.06.25 - Online
10	<b>Any other business.</b>
10.1	<b>The Chair questioned if the story circle programme is currently funded and available to schools?</b>  <b>ACTION - CR/DP to discuss circle programme funding</b>
10.2	<b>Membership matters</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CR to contact the London Buddhism centre regarding recruiting new members</li> <li>• Kam confirmed AGM is pending and recruitment to SACRE would mentioned to councillors</li> </ul>
10.3	<b>Action list</b> The board discussed the action list and discussed items outstanding on the actions list that were complete.  <b>ACTION - CR to correct the <a href="#">Actions- see action item list (updated)</a></b>