Hackney SACRE

Chair: Sandra Hall

Advisor: Stacey Burman, Hackney Learning Trust

Clerk: Justin Feltham, Hackney Learning Trust



Committee	Name	Notes	Attended	Apologies	No Apologies
	Ruhi Altun				None Recv'd
•	Hasan Bolucek	Alevi	Attended		
	Dulmini Wimalasekera	Buddhism			None Recv'd
	Priya Reid	Jain/Hindu			None Recv'd
	Sheikh Yasar Zaman				None Recv'd
	Omer Dogan				None Recv'd
	Rumana Rafique	Islam	Attended		
	Naftali Loewanthal		Attended		
	Rabbi Roni	Judaism		Received	
	Raj Dharma	Sikhism			None Recv'd
	Justin Madubuko	Catholic	Attended		
1. Religious	Rev Andrew Letby	Methodist	Attended		
-	Ivor Millman	Christian Other		Received	
	Lynn Hargreaves				None Recv'd
2. Church of	Rev J Westcott				None Recv'd
England	Prebendary Rosemia Brown				None Recv'd
	Sandra Hall	NEU	Attended		
	Sheena Merchant	NEU	Attended		
	Michelle Byrne	NEU			None Recv'd
	Natalie Petzel	NEU		Received	
	Nasima Ephraim	NEU	Attended		

	Brenda Humphreys	NESUWT		Received	
	Jon Pedlar				None Recv'd
	Harvey Odze (Cllr)	Councillor			None Recv'd
	Katie Hanson (Cllr)	Councillor			None Recv'd
	Kam Adams (Cllr)	Councillor	Attended		
	Jessica Webb (Cllr)	Councillor		Received	
	Sade Etti (Cllr)	Councillor		Received	
4.Local Authority	David Pollock	Humanist	Attended		
	Stacey Burman	Adviser	Attended		

Item	Notes/discussion	Actions
1 Welcome, Introduction and Membership	 Sandra Hall (SH) opened the meeting at 16:35 Stacey Burman (SB) advised that John Pedlar has resigned from his position on SACRE. SB has two people in mind, who could possibly replace John. SACRE members agreed for SB to approach these people to invite them to join SACRE. All were directed to the membership list. SB asked what had been decided with regards to Sheikh Yasar Zaman (SYZ). Justin Feltham (JF) advised that SYZ had contacted SACRE as we had the incorrect email address. JF had sent the papers and invite to today's meeting to his new email address but hasn't had any response. SB advised that she is normally informed at the beginning of the year which Councillors have been assigned to SACRE but didn't hear apything this year from Gareth Syles. (JIr Kam Adams (KA) advised for SB to contact the Chief Whip (James Peters) 	ACTION
1.2 Representation of Hinduism and Secondary Schools	 anything this year from Gareth Sykes. Cllr Kam Adams (KA) advised for SB to contact the Chief Whip (James Peters) SB noted that a new Hindu education board has been set up. The Hindu education board have released a national report and are very keen to get involved to make sure representation of Hinduism in schools is active. As part of this they asked parents in schools to contact them if they are concerned. It is therefore wise for us to make sure we have representation on our committee. Priya Reid is our Hindu rep but SB believes that it would be prudent for Hackney SACRE to have a second representative. SB advised she contacted two Hindu representatives that are on the Hackney Faith Forum but hasn't heard back. Andrew Letby (AL) noted that he will speak with Cllr Sade Etti (SE) to follow this up. KA advised there is a Hindu temple close to where he lives and he worked with the temple when he was Speaker. KA will obtain details and pass these to SB so she can contact them. 	ACTION ACTION

2 Apologies	 Apologies and absence were accepted from those who had informed the clerk/chair before the meeting as per above. Absence from the meeting from those who had not sent apologies was not accepted. JF confirmed the meeting was quorate. 	
3 Minutes of previous meeting 3.1 Minutes to be agreed	 The minutes from the 10 February 2021 were agreed as a true record, subject to the following amendments: No amendments necessary 	
3.2 Actions from last meeting	 Actions from last meeting: Please see the separate action list. 	
3.3 Matters arising	 Matters arising KA advised that some councillors were unable to attend the meeting if it was being held at 16:30. SB and SH noted that members were polled at the last meeting and JF also sent out an email to all members with a poll of times and the 16:30-18:30 times were preferred by the majority. JF will send out another poll to all members requesting their preference again. 	ACTION
 4. Locally Agreed Syllabus 4.1 REal Support Materials 	 SB reminded members to send her REal video resources. Sheena Merchant (SM) updated to state that she will send a video, but at present her place of worship isn't set out in the normal way due to COVID. Therefore she feels it would be better to wait until things are back to normal to then take viewers around the space and talk about personal views on her place of worship. SM also asked if SB had any example videos to share so she could get an idea of what is needed. Naftali Loewanthal (NL) asked if he should submit one 10 minute video covering all aspects or individual short videos. SB advised it is best to submit separate videos. SB showed an example video on Alevism NL advised that some of the example video on Alevism did not address every point requested by SB. SB advised that as there isn't a textbook on Alevism and so this video isn't as structured the same way as expected for the other faiths and beliefs SB showed an example video on a Mosque tour. SB showed an example video on Shabbat Rumana Rafique (RR) asked if she could present images instead of being on camera, SB advised she can. Members advised they will submit their videos as soon as possible. 	

4.2 Monitoring Impact	• SB advised that although the syllabus has now been launched, because of COVID and school closures, and the fact that schools have had to make many changes to their curriculum it has not been possible to monitor this year. Therefore monitoring will be started next academic year.	
5 Local Updates: 5.1 RSHE in Hackney	• SH advised the RSHE working groups haven't taken place this term due to several factors but didn't go into these in any depth here. SH will follow this up.	
5.2 Teacher Training	 SB advised that two CPD sessions have taken place with the link programme in conjunction with Hackney Faith Forum. A third is scheduled to take place on 15 June. RR advised she has been sent a video recording of the session as there had been some technical issues in the session. A number of people have not managed to make their links yet due to COVID. Following the session on 15 June a linking activity will be recommended. SB advised that schools will be able to receive an award for carrying out a linking activity and so this may encourage more to get involved. SH asked about the REQM. SB advised that last academic year 3 schools applied. One received a bronze award, one received a silver award and one received a gold award. SB added that due to COVID most schools put REQM on hold this year, however Benthal Primary school applied but haven't had their assessment yet. The national award for linking will help schools with their quality mark award. More schools should apply next academic year. SB noted that for secondary schools on 20 May a cross borough moderation session with AQA board was held for GCSE's. All teachers were invited and it was quite well attended. People fed-back it was really helpful in using teacher assessed grades until the end of June. Further secondary teacher training will be picked up again in September. 	
5.3 Ofsted Reports	 JF presented the SB's Ofsted presentation and SB talked through it. Schools are currently reviewing what good quality subjects are. First to be looked at was RE. SB discussed the three types of knowledge as identified as Ofsted to be: 'substantive' knowledge: key knowledge about various religious and non-religious traditions 'ways of knowing': pupils learn 'how to know' about religion and non-religion 'personal knowledge': pupils build an awareness of their own presuppositions and values about the religious and non-religious traditions they study - Reflection The OFSTED report explicitly says it doesn't matter what they are called by schools. Our SACRE syllabus matches the OFSTED report with representation of all three. The report also emphasised the importance of Concepts in RE to structure learning. i.e. not all religions view scriptures in the same way, so a theme of 'scriptures' or holy books across the religions may not represent the worldviews of all faiths/belief systems fairly. Therefore 'authority' is an example - It is a concept not a title. This is also covered on our syllabus. OFSTED talks about the importance of building knowledge in a planned sequence. 	

	• Regarding coverage, Ofsted pointed out the misinterpretation of legislation, and reiterate that the teaching should not be reflected in the	
	same percentages i.e. 51% of the RE teaching to be the study of Christianity and 49% to "other religions." Our syllabus also avoids this	
	pitfall.	
	• SB gave further exemplification of Ways of knowing - tools - how people learn - one example is looking at artefacts. How, when was it	
	written, has it changed over time, historical context etc. Within our syllabus units we are also ensuring these questions are covered.	
	• SB explained the Ofsted comment that GCSE style questions do not include ways of knowing in their questions, and are viewed as too	
	narrow so not just for KS4 questions.	
	• In our syllabus we have the assessment spectrum which covers these three areas. Substantive knowledge, ways of knowing, personal	
	knowledge.	
	• SB therefore confirmed that our syllabus reflects what the OFSTED report shows in regards to good quality RE.	
	• SH asked if OFSTED obtained samples of agreed syllabus? SB responded that the investigation was carried out by the lead inspector only	
	looking at school curriculum and the quality of education in schools. It may have made reference to the locally agreed syllabus. OFSTED	
	reiterated it is the school's responsibility to put the curriculum together and the schools responsibility to say why they put it together this	
	way and the way of working in the syllabus. Schools need to demonstrate they understand it.	
	 NL asked what Key stages it covers? SB advised it is KS1-KS5. 	
	• NL noted that when you have lower key stages they are teaching their own religion within the context of that religion. When it is GCSE you	
	need to follow the syllabus but this might have secular teaching in this. Are OFSTED trying to overrule the general approach to faith	
	teaching? SB responded that the way the report is worded is very clever in that the principles it is talking about will apply in both a faith	
	school and a secular school. One of the phrases used is cohesively enough or collectively enough. The principles are the same e.g.	
	progression of knowledge. It doesn't ever specify what it must include in level of detail. As long as the school can show progressive	ACTION
	knowledge and asking questions about ways of learning then it won't fall out of OFSTED for RE. SB to send a link to this to JF and will	
	include in the minutes.	
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5.4 Hackney	• SB advised she has sent requests for REal resources to Hackney Faith Forum. AL confirmed this was sent to Hackney Faith Forum members	
Faith Forum	on 9 March.	
	• SB asked Hasan Bolucek (HB) if he received an invite to the Hackney Faith Forum. HB confirmed he is receiving invites but had a prior	
	commitment when the last meeting was. He will try to make a future meeting.	
5.5 RE Calendars	• SB thanked members for sending in/confirming dates. These have been included in the latest draft.	
	• At present the calendar is on it's third draft with the latest one including the cover. SB presented some of the artwork that has been	
	chosen. A wide range of schools are included. It was a bit more difficult this year as it needed to be submitted online.	
	• The final design should be with SB towards the end of week commencing 14 June. SB will send this on to all SACRE members for approval.	
	SB requested a very quick turnaround for approval as she is keen to get it printed and sent to schools.	
	• SH advised that she will pick the finished calendars up from the print room and take them to the post room so that they can be sent out in	
	internal post to schools.	
	 DP left the meeting at 17:30. 	
	 HB advised he will confirm Alevi dates and SB will make amendments if necessary. 	

5.6 Hackney Education Website	• The Hackney education site includes links to the SACRE calendar dates and minutes from previous meetings, and links to the syllabus. It will also have links to REal resources when these are finalised.	
6 Dates for future meetings 6.1 Meeting Dates	• SH advised the next SACRE meeting is scheduled for Thursday 13 October 2021 16:30. The following meetings are noted as 9 February 2022, and 14 June 2022.	
6.2 Council Calendar	 JF advised that the above dates are now added to the council calendar. As per the actions, there is now a message on the council website directing people to the SACRE website. A note is added to the SACRE website requesting that members of the public who wish to attend the SACRE meetings email <u>Sacre@Hackney.gov.uk</u> and a link will be sent to them to join. HB left meeting at 17:40 	
 7 Any Other Business (AOB) 7.1 Including Future Agenda Items 7.2 Development of the scheme of learning for Alevi Unit 	 Please also see 3.3. SB advised that an FOI was requested at the beginning of this academic year from NASACRE asking for individual councils for funding arrangements for SACRE including clerking, syllabus revision and advisory support. This was used to create a report which NASACRE produced following individual council's responses. SB suggested adding this as an agenda item for the Autumn term meeting. It was also suggested that JF source and include Hackney's response to the FOI if this can be found. SH asked who paid for the RE calendar. SB advised in theory it should come out of SACRE's budget, which is overseen by HE. SB advised this is an action that is ongoing. Secondary schools have asked for specific teaching materials. SB and HB are to discuss but because of SB's capacity issues it is on hold. 	ACTION ACTION
7.3 Israeli- Palestinian Conflict	 SB was contacted by a couple of schools asking if there were any materials or resources in assisting them to cover the Israeli Palestinian conflict. SACRE were made aware of Clapton Girls Academy had protests from pupils which made the national news. Hackney Education put together some resources for schools to use. A request was sent to SB the day before the bulletin went out and her line manager asked her if she had anything to add. SB did not have the capacity to take time to do more research for quality control, and advised HE that she could not be responsible for the unbias or quality of the information sent out. A lot of the materials shared were saying they were unbiased, but she was aware that certain information and terminology was missing, which wouldn't make them truly unbiased. SH advised that Hackney Education should continue to consult with SACRE on items like this. SB asked if we had a response from Hackney Education to SH's letter re the website from a previous bulletin. JF presented the response from Stephen Hall. SH noted that she will draft a response to Stephen Hall's letter and mention the information sent out about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. 	ACTION
Close	Meeting closed at 18:05	