

Minutes of the meeting of the STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE) held at OUSEDALE SCHOOL, NEWPORT PAGNELL, on THURSDAY 17 JUNE 1999 at 10.00 am

Present: G Bowker, Councillor Irons, P Cope, M Fitch, Z Friedman, H Finkenrath, T Cutting, E Miles, H Padhya, L Rowlands, M Stanton-Saringer, A MacNair Kay, R Holmwood and Councillor Seymour

Officer: D Sullivan, T Mabbott (Committee Manager)

Apologies: Councillor Swepston, S Holdridge, M Dalal and S Gibbs.

1.0 ELECTION OF CHAIR

RESOLVED - That J Irons be appointed Chair of SACRE for the Council Year 1999/2000.

2.0 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED - That M Stanton-Saringer be appointed Vice-Chair of SACRE for the Council Year 1999/2000.

3.0 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 1999 were agreed, subject to the addition of H Finkenrath to the list of those present and the amendment of the final line of Item 5.0 to read, " It was hoped that this would be improved by the addition of Religious Education to the list of extended core subjects from the current academic year."

4.0 MATTERS ARISING

Minute 5.0 - Collective Worship Sub-Committee

The Committee noted that OfSted Guidance for inspecting spiritual development had not yet been produced. It was agreed that this was a matter of concern and should be pursued.

5.0 APPOINTMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEES

RESOLVED -

That the membership of the following Sub-Committees be endorsed:

Collective Worship Subcommittee

L Rowlands
M Fitch
H Finkenrath
M Goodall
Z Friedman
A McNair Kay

Religious Education Sub-Committee

M Stanton-Saringer
E Miles
D Evans
H Padhya
P Cope
Councillor Irons
B Dalal
M Fitch
Z Friedman
L Rowlands

It was also noted that any SACRE member could attend meetings of either sub-committee if they wished.

6.0 INTRODUCTION TO A FAITH COMMUNITY

It was agreed that both Gill Bowker and Tim Cutting would be invited to give a presentation at the next meeting, and that a rota of future presentations would be arranged.

7.0 BUDGET UPDATE

The Committee received a budget update. It was agreed that a more detailed report of the budget be provided for the next meeting, and that a breakdown of expected costs for the coming year be included. It was also agreed that the list of RE resources available to schools be circulated to members, when available.

It was also noted that the next meeting would need to start considering future budget planning for the next financial year.

8.0 ADVISOR'S REPORT

It was noted that arrangements for the Oxford Diocese to cover Religious Education in Milton Keynes would continue until 31 March 1999. It was further noted that there had already been some contact with RE co-ordinators in schools to

ascertain training needs.

9.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting of SACRE would be held on Thursday 18 November 1999 at 10.00 am at St Paul's Roman Catholic Secondary School, Milton Keynes.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 11.27 AM