

# SACRE meeting

## Meeting notes

Date: Wednesday 20 June 2018  
Present: Members: Anne Andrews (AA), Linda Bartlett (LB), Elaine Lever (EL), Lou Tribus (LT), Shammi Rahman (SR), Zainab Manji (ZM)  
Observers: Alan Bainbridge (AB - Quaker )  
Apologies: Paul Smith, Rachel Foster, Latifeh Rowlands, Mike Morris,  
Note taker: Janet Gleghorn

### Key points

1. Clerk to Chair the meeting in absence of Chair and Vice Chair.

Welcome to our Observer Alan Bainbridge from the MK Quaker meeting. There are currently 40 – 50 members and AB came with a fact-finding brief to see if the Quakers can become more involved with peace education and RE in MK schools. SR reported on the Youth SACRE work and especially the proposed Philosophy Symposium and LT shared how the synagogue works within schools.

2. Minutes from last meeting agreed.

3. **Monitoring delivery of RE:**

There have been no further schools that have taken up RE training since the last meeting, either through the council or the Oxford Diocese. It was suggested that schools that have not engaged should receive a letter from the Chair and/or Vice Chair to encourage involvement.

AA reported that the RE Lead meeting held at the Zainabiya Mosque on 21 March was well attended with 17 teachers from both primary and secondary schools. The presentation from Denbigh Academy was very well received. ZM from the Zainabiya Madrassa agreed and said that feedback was very positive. The 23 May meeting at Rivers was not so well attended and past experience indicates that RE teachers prefer a visit to a religious venue.

LT fed back regarding the survey in secondary schools and explained that Lord Grey had still not replied; so LT was looking to extend the offer to either Ousedale or Oakgrove. LT also suggested expanding this survey to other schools outside of MK, but it was agreed to limit the survey to schools within the borough. It was agreed that additional time is allocated to LT to complete this survey. Ousedale has a secondary based RE group working with Denbigh/Oakgrove.

### Agreed actions

**This meeting was not quorate and as such this was a general discussion meeting.**

**PS/TVB to compose email which JG can forward to schools that have not attended any form of training.**

**Dates and venue for the Autumn term to be arranged by AA.**

**JG to advise LT of contacts at Ousedale and Oakgrove**

#### 4. Training and support for teachers:

SR reported that this term's Philosophy Symposium and Youth SACRE meeting have been cancelled and will be rescheduled for November. The Youth SACRE membership needs to be expanded and it was suggested that each school should be key tasked to invite another school to the meetings. SR advised that the format of the Philosophy Symposium could change with a well-respected invited Guest Speaker.

AA has spent 3.5 days on the draft 'Guidance to the RE Syllabus'. This still requires editing and amending together with input from SACRE members. All agreed additional time to be allocated to AA to complete this guidance. SR will support input for KS5.

**ZM to contact AA re content on Islam  
SR to advise AA on links for Buddhism and  
KS5.**

LB has liaised with Denbigh Teaching School to offer a secondary school network meeting led by Ousedale and funded by secondary schools.

#### 5. Communication:

JG reported that the SACRE website is under review. The introduction of the new MK PDC (Professional Development Centre) website may be a more effective and resource led platform for the Youth SACRE information in the future.

#### 6. A forward plan of action for the SACRE:

Consideration of new activities

**TVB to report back at the next meeting**

#### 7 Wider Awareness:

##### **Budget:**

LB reported on the budget and taking account the extra work agreed for the completion of guidance (AA) and the extension of the survey (LT) this leaves a surplus of £230.

There is an NQT Induction meeting on 12 September and LB will contact Alison Talbot (Improvement Partner) to display information about SACRE work, including promotion of Youth SACRE.

**LB to contact Alison Talbot**

**SACRE Annual Report:**

JG reported that this is now updated onto NASACRE site

**JG to forward to DFE**

**AOB:**

JG reported that Edith Bald and Alan Webb are no longer Councillors and Councillor Geetha Morla now has responsibility for SACRE. We are waiting for the second nomination.

As the meeting was not quorate the recommendation to appoint Elaine Lever to full membership will be added to the next Agenda.

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 21 November Rivers Centre 3.45 until 5.15**