

South Gloucestershire SACRE draft minutes 24th November 2022 4-6pm

1.	<p>Introductions from attending members</p> <p>Present: Malcolm Strange, Ben Stokes, Iris Segal, Liz Thomas, Mike Riches, April Begley, Nassir Miah, Ruth Wallace, Alex Howard, Debbie Helme, Chris Selway (acting chair), Robert English, Hannah Wood (clerk), Laura Harris (adviser)</p> <p>Apologies: Rebekah Guy, Kath English, Roger Allinson, Geraldine Tidy, Matt Hatcher</p> <p>Absent: Mike Drew, Nik Baykaa-Murray, Ramila Patel</p> <p>Chris started the meeting in his capacity as acting chair, and each member gave a brief introduction explaining who they were and their interest in SACRE.</p>
2.	<p>Remembering Jane Allinson</p> <p>We were all very aware of the absence of our chair, Jane Allinson, who recently passed away and will be much missed by all the community. There was some time spent among the members remembering Jane and having some silent time of remembrance and meditation.</p> <p>The usual Autumn elections of chair and vice chair will be held at our next meeting in March – please send nominations for these posts to the clerk, Hannah Wood.</p>
3.	<p>Code of Conduct revisit</p> <p>As it was the start of the year, we took time to revisit our SACRE code of conduct. A query was raised about the responsibility of faith members to report back to their nominating bodies, and how this was worded in the code of conduct.</p> <p>Action: HW to send the code of conduct out to any new members <u>with the new member welcome pack</u></p>
4.	<p>Minutes from the last meeting</p> <p>The minutes from the last meeting were agreed.</p> <p>People had volunteered for the sub committee looking at our action plan. It was noted that the LA no longer runs ECT training which has moved over to the hubs.</p> <p>Action:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">HW to put action points at the end of each agenda item</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">LH to draft wording for message regarding meeting attendance</p>
5.	<p>Membership</p> <p>The SACRE extended a warm welcome to our new members. There was a discussion of our current membership – we have particular need for Buddhist and Sikh representation. The lack of attendance for LA councillors has also been an issue.</p> <p>Action: members involved in the LA council to approach fellow councillors with an interest in education. LT to ask for the vacancies to be advertised on the council intranet.</p>
6.	<p>GCSE data</p> <p>LH said that the full data would be presented at the next meeting but outlined what we knew so far, comparing this data to pre COVID – there have been some changes in schools’ approach to GCSE RE,</p>

	<p><u>most notable being for example some schools have made the a move from years 10/11 to 9years 9/10, others are only offering optional GCSE.</u></p>
7.	<p>Draft Handbook – Religion and Worldviews in the classroom. What are the implications for SACRE?</p> <p>LH explained the purpose of the draft handbook and gave the SACRE a whistlestop tour. She noted that it is a long document, but still important in driving us forward as a SACRE.</p> <p>The handbook recognises different depths of learning. There was a discussion of the difference between teaching World Views and exploring World Views in practice. It is important as a SACRE to remember that we are here to serve RE as a subject.</p> <p>The handbook could be seen as a positive attitude to combining RE and World Views but there were concerns for the ability of teachers to take on and deliver even more factual curriculum – we had few teachers in attendance as there was another meeting being held, but their thoughts on the subject could be useful.</p> <p>Action: HW to circulate the document again for our new members</p>
8.	<p>Online Interfaith Day</p> <p>This was organised by KE and was a very popular and very enjoyable experience. LH shared some pictures of the day with SACRE members. She also noted that the day was so popular it had made some money <u>£1725</u> for the SACRE <u>funds</u> for other projects. It was likely that this could be extended into an annual event. Thanks were extended to LT for the support from the Local Authority.</p>
9.	<p>SACRE monitoring</p> <p>The SACRE have a duty to monitor RE and collective worship in our LA schools. It was noted that our previous surveys haven't been overwhelmingly successful as getting into schools was hard. We have previously done an analysis of our schools' websites to see how they demonstrate their RE provision. We can also assess their engagement through pupil conferences and hub attendance.</p> <p>Some ideas to stimulate interest and engagement were giving examples of different levels of achievement in pupil work and publicising case studies from the WIRE award. We could also engage school governors in monitoring and ask subject leaders to speak to the SACRE about their experience with Ofsted inspections.</p> <p><u>Action – LH to consider the best means of identifying current practice in RE and collective worship in local schools (online survey?)</u></p>
10.	<p>Annual RE Conference</p> <p>LH showcased the Annual RE Conference to be held in January – all SACRE members are warmly invited to attend, and it will also be advertised in the Heads' Bulletin.</p> <p>Action: HW to circulate a reminder for the conference, members to register or express interest.</p>
11.	<p>Adviser's Report</p> <p>There were no questions about the content of the Adviser's Report. It was noted that there was a £4000 surplus which may be absorbed back into adviser costs later in the year but could otherwise be used to fund a one-off event for schools. The challenges going forward will be maintaining and increasing engagement when teachers already have a massive workload to manage. It was also suggested that we could do a survey to gather the names of all subject leads.</p> <p><u>Action – LH to include subject leader contact details in survey of current practice. LT to identify if this can be sent out formally through South Glos education communications channels.</u></p>

13. AOB/Meeting close

DH asked if LH could have a non-diocese linked email address for SACRE business – it'll be looked into.

Action – who can communicate with South Glous LA about this issue?

LT suggested holding our March meeting at the council offices in Badminton Road.

Action – LT book and make practical arrangements at Badminton Road

AH nominated CS for election to chair – other nominations for chair and vice chair are welcomed.

Action – all members to make any further nominations. No nominations or objections will lead to an agreement for CS to take the Chair role

CS closed the meeting and thanked our members for attendance.

Remaining dates – **THURSDAY 23RD MARCH 2023, THURSDAY 13TH JULY 2023**