

**South Gloucestershire SACRE Draft Minutes**  
**7<sup>th</sup> July 2022 - 4 - 6 pm**  
**Unity Oldland Methodist Church, Bristol BS30 9SR**

1.	<p><b>Introductions from attending members</b></p> <p>Present: Rebekah Guy, Kath English, Roger Allinson, April Begley, Nassir Miah, Ruth Wallace, Alex Howard, Debbie Helme, Chris Selway, Jane Allinson, Hannah Wood (clerk), Laura Harris (adviser)</p> <p>Apologies: Malcolm Strange, Iris Segal, Liz Thomas, Andrew Best, Mike Riches</p> <p>Absent: Mike Drew, Ben Stokes, Nik Baykaa-Murray, Ramila Patel</p> <p>This meeting was inquorate due to the inattendance of any members from the councillors group.</p>
2.	<p><b>Minutes from the last meeting</b></p> <p>These were agreed with no comments or changes, so were signed off by JA as chair.</p> <p>Action points –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Code of conduct – Hannah to circulate final version</li> <li>b) Membership (see agenda point 2)</li> <li>e) Secondary follow up letters</li> <li>d) Welcome pack and map – HW has the map of local schools and will add to the welcome pack. HW will also draft some wording for the chair to send out to members missing three meetings without apologies and send out to those who have missed three meetings this academic year</li> <li>e) ECT (Early Careers Teachers) contact – LH is in contact with Sian Kinder from Mangotsfield School about possibility of some training for ECTs in RE in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of their training. TBC.</li> <li>f) HIVE project (see agenda point 8)</li> <li>g) LTLRE (see agenda point 5)</li> <li>h) OFSTED – see the updated report on Spring/Summer inspections. It was noted that Winterbourne School had comments from Ofsted about racist/discriminatory language in the school. Follow up by SACRE – LH meeting with RE head of department in September</li> <li>i) Syllabus training – 23 schools have done the training and LH will run a “mop up” session in September, provisional date Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 4pm, online.</li> </ul>
3.	<p><b>a) Membership</b></p> <p>Buddhist membership – have some recommendations from CS</p> <p>Sikhi membership – need to chase</p> <p>Governor member – Rob English has volunteered. Will go in Schools Committee. There is a possibility of a second recruit who can go into Committee E.</p> <p>Secondary member – Matt Hatcher will start attending in September</p> <p>SEN member – need to chase, LH has made some contact through Andrew Buckton, head of New Siblands and Culverhill.</p>
4.	<p><b>REC report card</b></p> <p>It was observed that the information here on GCSEs appeared to be conflicting, and we were unsure who the report card was aimed at – LH will ask this question to deputy of REC. Unsure which parts of the report were hearsay and which factual. We will look at GCSE information for local schools in our Autumn meeting.</p>
5.	<p><b>SACRE development plan and self-evaluation</b></p> <p>LH went to the NASACRE training on SACRE development plans – it had been updated to take account of academising process and the new Ofsted frameworks. It was split into five areas</p>

	<p>(described on page 2 of the accompanying handout). Different SACREs used different models, and these were described to the SACRE.</p> <p>JA suggested we make a subcommittee to draw up a development plan which we then refer to on an ongoing basis. The subcommittee should meet in September to report back to the main SACRE meeting in November. HW to email for volunteers and poll for suitable dates.</p>
6.	<p><b>Feedback from NASACRE conference</b></p> <p>At the conference there were several conversations around continuing the development of the religious education curriculum to a World Views curriculum. A handbook has been developed on this (LH to send HW the link to this for circulation to the SACRE.)  <a href="https://www.religiouseducationcouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/REC-Worldviews-Project-double-pages-Revised.pdf">https://www.religiouseducationcouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/REC-Worldviews-Project-double-pages-Revised.pdf</a></p> <p>This handbook is aimed as a document to guide the people writing syllabuses and is now being worked on by 3 teams to give three frameworks as to what this will look like in schools.</p> <p>AH noticed that this communication can be quite erudite, but there are good pictorial bits in the handbook that are worth sharing. (LH to share in the next meeting). DH noted that there will be comments of the new RE framework going to be published over the summer.</p>
7.	<p><b>LTLRE Conference – upcoming and hub update</b></p> <p>RG reported back her experience of the LTLRE conference, including a keynote on the connected curriculum and three sets of workshops over the rest of the day. She found the Diversity workshop really helpful, plus interesting sessions on Ofsted Deep Dives and Non Religious World Views.</p> <p>(The session on Ofsted Deep Dives was run by a local teacher – Laura Ford, Brentry Primary School, Bristol)</p> <p>KE talked about her idea to run a Inter Faith RE event online in the Autumn, inspired by her experience of the Adam Robertson’s conference keynote, including “hidden story” cubes. This event will take place on November 15<sup>th</sup>, with stories from five local religious and non-religious representatives. Details for joining will be sent to SACRE members in September.</p> <p>RG updated on the hub meetings – the first face to face meeting of the LTLRE group was held at Engineers House. Primary teachers and one secondary teacher attended. There are four new units in the revised syllabus, and teachers attending were offered some practical ideas to teach these in school.</p>
8.	<p><b>HIVE update</b></p> <p>LH gave an update on the HIVE project. It’s a slow burner but growing, with 29 schools now involved. 19 of these hadn’t had previous involvement with SACRE projects. She noted that bringing in schools from the Olympus Trust and Unity would be good. KE did work with 3 out of the 5 schools that got on board, with excellent feedback from one of the schools involved. She took Ofsted style questions to the schools and they worked together on the schools’ choice of area.</p>
9.	<p><b>WIRE update</b></p> <p>JA visited Mangotsfield as part of their WIRE award and was impressed with their Board of Thoughts about God and Religion from pupils at the school. It would be good if more members of SACRE went out to present these awards. HW will coordinate attendance for presentations, asking for different volunteers from the committee when LH send details of schools applying for the award.. It was also noted that Gold Awards have gone out to St John’s Mead, St Barnabas Warmley and Longwell Green.</p>
10	<p><b>Academisation and other LA business</b></p> <p>There was a discussion of the drive to academisation – by 2030 the government aims that every school will have joined an academy trust (including ones started by Local Authorities). JA felt that it was a very business driven decision with low focus on the pupils. LH noted that South Glos has a</p>

	<p>particularly low percentage of schools in academy trusts, although this may increase the strength of RE schools and it was an issue we needed to keep an eye on. A paper with details on the 2022 White Paper was shared. It is likely a South Glos LA MAT will be formed in the near future.</p> <p>RW asked if it would impact the legal requirement for SACREs – we don't know, and it is likely to take a while to change all the legislation. Some interesting and relevant points are shared in this NASACRE report from November 2021 <a href="https://nasacre.org.uk/file/nasacre/1-58-final-still-standing.pdf">https://nasacre.org.uk/file/nasacre/1-58-final-still-standing.pdf</a></p>
11.	<p><b>Adviser's Report</b></p> <p>LH noted that the SLA for 2022-23 still needs to be confirmed, and has made a change to splitting costs into termly costs + an annual allowance for e.g. conferences. She noted that she may be able to find more hours for work with schools as there has been some spare capacity in her contracted work this term</p> <p>LH mentioned the new Farmington Fellowship that is available for local teachers next year - a subject knowledge based project which teachers can apply for.</p>
12.	<p><b>AOB - goodbye to AB and meeting close</b></p> <p>JA closed the meeting with a farewell to Andrew Best who has worked tirelessly for our SACRE. LT will remain our point of contact with the LA and will attend meetings. Geraldine Tidy will also oversee SACRE work. JA wished everyone a happy summer break, and noted the provisional dates for next academic year's meetings as:</p> <p>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November (online)</p> <p>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March (TBC)</p> <p>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July (TBC)</p>