



Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE)

Thursday 27 June 2019 on the rising of the Agreed Syllabus Conference

Board Room 2 - Brent Civic Centre, Engineers Way,
Wembley HA9 0FJ

Membership:

Chair: Basma ElShayyal (Chair)

Advisers:

- Roger Butler
- Lesley Prior
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Councillors:

- Cllr Tariq Dar
- Cllr Orleen Hylton
- Cllr Neil Nerva

Representatives of:

- Local Authority
- Church of England
- Brent's other faiths and denominations
- Teachers unions

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For members to note the link to the [Diversity of Religion and Belief Guidance](#) and [survey](#) (to be completed by end of July 2019).

Date of the next meeting: TBC

- Please remember to **SWITCH OFF** your mobile phone during the meeting.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BRENT SACRE
7 March 2019
Brent Civic Centre

Start: 16:30

Attendees:

GROUP A <i>(A committee of persons representing such Christian denominations and other religions and denominations of such religions as, in the opinion of the authority, will appropriately reflect the principal religious traditions in the area)</i>	Basma ElShayyal (Chair, Sunni Islam) Bhupinder Singh (Sikh)
GROUP B <i>(A committee of persons representing the Church of England)</i>	Laurence Hillel (Vice-Chair, Church of England) Rev. Steve Taylor (Church of England)
GROUP C <i>(A committee of persons representing such associations representing teachers as, in the opinion of the authority, ought to be represented, having regard to the circumstances of the area)</i>	Sean Cremmin (Teachers' Union)
GROUP D <i>(A committee of persons representing the authority)</i>	Cllr Tariq Dar, Cllr Orleen Hylton Cllr Neil Nerva Helen Tulloch John Frankis
In attendance:	Roger Butler – Adviser to SACRE Abraham Wilson (observer - Baha'i) Joe Kwateng (Brent Council – Governance Team)
Apologies:	Lesley Prior Ian Slade Gillian Crow Malcolm Deboo Mark Newton Sarah Lane Cawte Helen Mooney

1. Welcome and apologies:

- Apologies were noted as above.
- Revd. Laurence was formally thanked for his long service to SACRE in particular and for his interfaith work in Brent schools in general; and Revd. Steve was welcomed as his replacement

2. Minutes of the last meeting:

- The minutes of the previous SACRE meeting held on 30 October 2018 were approved as an accurate record

3. Matters arising:

- The Chair ran through the actions and noted that Farjad Farhad had been added to the mailing list to receive copies of the agenda.

4. Membership Process:

- Helen Tulloch gave a verbal update on membership process. Members were informed that the process was an organised approach to secure expertise to assist in driving forward the RE agenda. She added that nomination would be the responsibility of each organisation and encouraged members to forward nominations to her. Ms Tulloch also explained that it was the responsibility of the Strategic Director, Children and Young People to make formal nominations to the Board and reported that she was in the process of establishing a formal nomination process.
- In reference to the members' list attached to the agenda, the Committee agreed the following:
 - Removal of Ms Rahab ((Islam Shi'a).
 - Substitute Rev. Steve Taylor for Laurence Hillel (Church of England).

5. Appointment of substitute to the Humanist Group:

- The appointment would be confirmed at a future meeting.

6. Best Brent:

Mr John Frankis gave a verbal update for information only. It was noted that Best Brent was an on-line system that provided a useful vehicle for SACRE to disseminate information. He added that the links to NASACRE with a great deal of examples was a gift to practitioners of RE

7. Coordinators Meeting:

It was noted that these were in fact meetings held for RE co-ordinators only, which are facilitated by the RE advisor and attended by the Chair of SACRE also; but do explore potential cross-curricular themes and examples of model teaching. They also provide a good platform for colleagues to network, share good practice and find out about the latest developments in RE locally & nationally.

8. Annual report 2017-18:

It was noted that SACRE is required to provide an annual report and that it is a good idea to incorporate outcomes of GCSE which is available by December. Mr Butler undertook to provide a NASACRE template with question and answer section to the Chair for comments before wider circulation.

It was also noted that John Frankis had drafted the 2017-18 report which is still quality assured. The document would be circulated in advance of the next meeting, for members' approval and then posted to the Council's website and sent to NASACRE for publication on its webpage.

The Chair undertook to contribute the foreword prior to its publication.

9. Annual report 2018-19:

Members were invited to submit items that they wished to be included.

10. Determinations:

- Members were informed about an application for a determination by Anson Primary School. The updated information included confirmation of the queries that some parents had about the determination process and how the school responded to them.
- It was agreed that the application for a determination by Anson Primary School be approved subject to SACRE having sight of the minutes from the school's next full governing board meeting which confirms that governors approve of the application and sight of the school's Collective Worship Policy. Helen Tulloch undertook to contact the Headteacher to inform her of the decision and request the outstanding information.

11. Any other business:

Display of faith representatives:

- Members revisited Mr Wilson's suggestion for the list of faith group representatives to be displayed at each meeting.
- The Chair suggested that best way forward would be for the list to be coordinated, collated and circulated to all members.

Venue of future meetings:

- Members unanimously agreed that for practical purposes, future meetings be relocated to Brent Civic Centre.
- Governance Team to explore exemption to car parking charges for members who would drive to meetings and to update members before the meeting in June 2019.

ACTION:

- Joe Kwateng (Governance Team) to progress the relocation of meetings to the Civic Centre and inform members before the next meeting

End: 5.20pm

Notice of Next Meeting: Thursday, 27 June 2019 - 4.30pm

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Chair

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