

**WEST BERKSHIRE
STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, 21 JUNE 2016**

VENUE: THE WILLOWS PRIMARY SCHOOL, NEWBURY

Present:

Group A – Other Faith Members

None

Group B – Faith Members

Revd Mary Harwood (C of E)

Group C – Teaching Association Members

Jo Davies (ATL)

Group D – WBC Councillors

Councillor Pamela Bale (WBC)

Also Present: Keith Harvey (Head Teacher)

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting: Councillor Billy Drummond (WBC), Mr B Eggleton (NASUWT), Councillor Sheila Ellison (WBC), Mrs Jo Fageant (Independent Consultant), Mrs Sue Plackett (NAHT) and Mr Robin Sharples (C of E)

Absent: Mrs Becky Aboutaj (Muslim), Rev Bev French (Free Churches), Councillor Carol Jackson-Doerge (WBC), Mr David McKay (Buddhist) and Mrs Maria Pratico (C of E)

1 Minutes

It was agreed that the Minutes were a true reflection of the previous meeting.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

KH has not yet obtained R.E. results for West Berkshire.

KH will contact West Berkshire to obtain results.

3 Membership update

The SACRE is currently short of Group A involvement (no one present at current meeting and therefore meeting officially not quorate). Sadly, BA has resigned her position on the SACRE. The SACRE noted its thanks to her for her work. The Muslim community is looking for another representative. The Catholic Church is currently looking for a representative.

KH will continue to investigate the Hindu community to attempt to find a representative. JF will contact the synagogue again to attempt to find a replacement for ZS.

It was agreed that a secondary teacher from Little Heath would be able to join the SACRE as a union representative.

4 NASACRE Update - Mary Harwood

MH was unable to attend the NASACRE AGM and therefore there was no update provided.

5 Progress with Hub Initiative - Jan Lever

AH presented the Westhill Application for the hub and this was agreed by the SACRE. There will be a joint SACREs conference on 28th September 2016 from 6-9pm at the Holiday Inn, Wokingham. Each SACRE needs to commit to sending four people at a cost of £30 per person. West Berkshire SACRE agreed to do this and currently MH and KH will be able to attend. The conference will include information on British values, the role of the SACRE, a national update, more information on the Crossing the Bridges project and a presentation on understanding Christianity.

MH reported that the hub initiative is progressing well. Chairs/advisers meetings are currently being held in the 1st half of each term, with SACRE meetings being held in the second half. Next year, thoughts will turn towards the new syllabus, which needs to be in place by 2018.

Jan Lever will put together an action plan in the Autumn term for action by the joint SACREs.

6 Jo Fageant - Ongoing Support

JF has stated that she would like to resign from her SACRE role in April 2017. The SACRE discussed possible options and the proposal was for AH to be the new advisor from this date. This would include support for the primary R.E. networks. This was agreed by all.

7 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

8 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 8 November at 4pm at St Nicolas School, Link Road, Newbury, RG14 7LU.