

**Bath and North East Somerset
Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education
Minutes for the meeting held at The Newton Annex
Bath Spa University
Monday, 12 June 2006
7.30 – 9.00 pm**

Present:

Christian Denominations and other Religions Committee

Jane O'Hara Bahá'í
Bob Coleman Roman Catholic

Church of England Committee

Mike Brownbill
Tony Bradley
Rev Kevin Tingay

Teachers' Committee

Mary Dadley NUT
Jackie Williams ATL
Neil Baker NASUWT
Ann Hatton Moorlands Junior School

Local Authority Committee

Co-opted members

In attendance

Richard Brock Assistant Director of Education
Fred Ward Clerk

1. Welcome and apologies

Ann Hatton was welcomed to join the Teachers' Committee C.

ACTION

The clerk to ensure she was sent a letter of appointment from the local authority.

Apologies were received from Jonathon Gay, Denise Cush, Ian Russell, Jessica Wilker.

It was noted that Ian Russell and Imogen Woods had resigned.

2. Approval of minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 30 January 2006 were approved.

3. Matters arising

a) Meeting frequency

It was agreed to hold an additional meeting on 12 September 2006 and decide then when further additional meetings would be held.

b) Membership

The Chair had written to Heads of RE in secondary schools and received two interested inquiries from Mr David Campbell (Somervale) and Linda Hall (Wellsway).

ACTION

The Clerk to invite them to the SACRE meeting on 12 September 2006.

Mike Brownbill reported that a replacement to fill the Committee A vacancy was Anne Hewitt, the head teacher at Farnborough CE Primary School.

ACTION

The Clerk to invite her to attend the next SACRE meeting on 12 September 2006.

Interest in joining a primary working party to look at the locally agreed syllabus was received from Chris Hammersley (Oldfield Park Junior School), Liz Dowle (St Mary's Catholic Primary School) and Sarah Hull (St Johns Catholic Primary School); also it was suggested Rosco Jones should be invited.

ACTION

The Clerk to invite them to attend the next SACRE meeting on 12 September 2006.

The Chair had postponed following up the possibility of initial teacher training students attending SACRE meetings until the new academic year.

ACTION

The Chair to invite students studying RE at Bath Spa University to attend the November meeting of SACRE.

It was suggested that it might be helpful for a small steering group to be formed to meet between scheduled SACRE meetings to monitor progress and propose agenda items.

ACTION

This proposal to be discussed at the September SACRE meeting.

c) VI th Form Conference

It was reported that a conference was being organised by secondary heads of RE this July but the details were not known.

ACTION

Jackie Williams agreed to find more information and pass to the clerk to circulate to members.

4. SACRE Developments

a) Resource Centre

Agreement had been reached for the RE resources to be housed at Saltford Primary School and for Neil Baker to supervise the borrowing service.

ACTION

The service would be operational from September and advertised on the SACRE website as well as through the local authority.

b) Website

A full report was circulated showing the number of 'hits', which were on average over 200 a month. Comments had been received from other local authorities praising the quality of the site.

ACTION

Tony Bradley agreed to take on the role of facilitator/moderator to update the news and information pages.

c) Additional professional support

It had proved very difficult to find an efficient way of commissioning and paying for additional professional support.

ACTION

It was agreed to ask the clerk to work through an Bath & NES approved contractor to draw up contracts to support development work with the resource centre and the website; these to be discussed at the September SACRE meeting.

5. Locally Agreed Syllabus

With the additional primary and secondary teachers being invited to the September SACRE meeting, a schedule of working party sessions would be discussed and agreed to ensure that the deadline for convening the Locally Agreed Syllabus Conference of September 2007 could be met.

6. Any other business

- a) SACRE would be able to consider whether to bid for a multi-faith grant at the next meeting.
- b) Richard Brick reported that this was his last SACRE meeting as he was retiring from the local authority in September. Members expressed their gratitude for his long and supportive association with SACRE, wishing him well for the future.
- c) Members were reminded that Mary Dadley no longer wished to hold the chair of SACRE and that members would need to elect a new chair at the September meeting.

7. Next meeting.

Please note: the next meeting is at 4.30 pm on 12 September 2006 at Salford Primary School.

The following meeting is at 7.30 pm on 7 November 2006 at The Newton Annex, Bath Spa University.