

Vale of Glamorgan SACRE

**Tuesday 14th June 2016 at 3:30pm in
Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School, Barry**

DRAFT MINUTES

Present	Cllr Eddie Williams (LA Representative) - Chair	EW
	Karen Stapleton (Bryn Hafren Comprehensive)	KS
	Cllr Gwyn John (LA Representative)	GJ
	Gill Vaisey (RE Consultant)	GV
	Jeremy Morgan (Clerk)	JM
	Meryl Plummer (Lead Officer for SI - Vale)	MP
	Dafydd Treharne (Co-opted)	DT
	Ramiz Delpak (Bahá'í)	RD
	Paula Webber (RE Consultant from Autumn 2016)	PW
	Rev. Phil Hibbert (Baptist)	PH
	Rebecca Norris (Llandough Primary)	RN
Apologies	Nicky Price (St Richard Gwyn RC)	NP
	Nigel Graham (Methodist Church)	NG
	Ruth Davies (Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg)	RD
	Joy Rhodes (Cadoxton Primary)	JR
	Fr Ben Andrew (Church in Wales)	BA
	Mrs C Thomas (Headteacher)	CT

SACRE MEETING

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1.	Welcome and apologies for absence Please see above. Members welcomed Paula Webber who will be the new RE Consultant advising and supporting the Vale SACRE from September.		
2.	Minutes of the last meeting - Tuesday 15th March 2016 Minutes were approved as a correct record.		
3.	Matters arising and actions Action 4 (Spring Term 2016) meeting– School letters for consideration by SACRE (attached) MP recognised and acknowledged the positives in the letters drafted by GV. MP highlighted that schools are working in a different climate and are now encouraged to focus on school to school support with less reliance on Local Authorities. MP suggested that the letters were rephrased positively encouraging schools to complete the self-evaluation as we are unable to make schools complete the document. MP highlighted that the Director of Learning and Skills has also suggested that the letters maintain a positive tone throughout to encourage engagement from schools with their completion. Action – GV to update the letters and share with MP prior to distribution to relevant school.	Action 1	GV/MP
	Action 2 (Autumn Term 2016) meeting - MP/EW to contact the CSC regarding the funding of supply cover for teachers to attend WASACRE.		

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	<p>Funding for teacher supply cover to attend WASACRE.</p> <p>Action 3 (Autumn Term 2015) MP to enquire over funding streams regarding SACRE. MP informed the meeting that the Local Authority does not have the budget available to be able to provide teacher supply cover for attendance at WASACRE meetings. The funding to the Central South Consortium covers the RE Consultant fee to provide advice and guidance to the Local Authority.</p> <p>Matters arising from Spring Term 2016 meeting:</p> <p>Action 1: GV to draft letter for distribution to Vale Schools about the use of Incerts to track pupils' performance in Religious Education.</p> <p>Action 2: GV to draft letter to Incerts raising concern about the use of Incerts to track pupils' performance in Religious Education.</p> <p>Both of these actions have been completed. Incerts have not yet responded.</p> <p>Action 3: GV to draft a letter commending Vale schools on their positive examination results. The letter has been drafted and distributed to Vale schools.</p> <p>Action 4: GV to draft a letter to the schools in the report requesting their self-evaluation of Religious Education and Collective Worship. This had already been discussed and is noted on page 1 of these minutes.</p> <p>Action 5: JM was asked to resend the survey to those schools that had not completed it. JM confirmed the survey had been resent. GV informed the meeting that WASACRE had a reasonable response and the results should be available to be presented at the autumn SACRE meeting.</p> <p>Action 6: All members were requested to forward any articles or submissions for the Spring term News Bulletin to JM. GV and JM informed the meeting that no articles or submissions had been received.</p> <p>Action 7: JM was requested to distribute to Vale schools future CYTUN News Bulletins. JM confirmed that bulletins had been distributed.</p> <p>Action 8: JM to draft dates for 2016/17 SACRE meetings with a 3:45pm start for each meeting. JM confirmed that these had been drafted and were included with the papers for today's meeting.</p>		
4.	<p>Presentation from Mrs Thomas - Headteacher at Wick & Marcross Church in Wales Primary School Mrs Thomas was unfortunately unavailable to attend today's meeting due to a hospital appointment. The agenda item to be deferred to next meeting subject to the availability of Mrs Thomas.</p>		
5.	<p>SACRE Membership a) Joy Rhodes resignation - Nharo Solomon Goremano replacement? SACRE members agreed for both Solomon and Joy to be members of SACRE. Joy is moving schools and has requested to retain her place on SACRE. Solomon will also be a member of SACRE. Solomon works at</p>		

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	<p>Cadoxton Primary.</p> <p>b) Humanist representative on SACRE – Kathy Riddick SACRE members discussed the merits of a Humanist representative on the Vale SACRE. Consensus could not be reached and the application for a position on Vale SACRE went to a vote.</p> <p>The decision of the vote was to decline the application for a Humanist representative to take up a position on the Vale SACRE.</p> <p>GV advised that the recommendation by the Vale SACRE has to be considered and ratified by the Vale of Glamorgan Council’s Cabinet.</p> <p>Action – Cabinet Paper to be drafted outlining the recommendation that an application for a position on the Vale SACRE is declined.</p>	<p>Action 2</p>	<p>EW/MP</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>WASACRE</p> <p>a) Curriculum Review update (attached) GV updated the meeting on developments and shared with the meeting a document – Welsh Government Curriculum Review Up-Date May 2016. Members noted its content. GV explained that NAPfRE and WASACRE had met with Manon Jones from Welsh Government about the curriculum update.</p> <p>b) To receive and note draft minutes from WASACRE meeting 8th March 2016 (attached) GV led the meeting through the draft minutes:</p> <p><u>Welsh Bacculaureate survey</u> Libby Jones confirmed that she had sent out the Welsh Bacculaureate and RE survey to schools, that the return had been quite good. Libby Jones will be giving feedback on the analysis of the survey results at the next WASACRE meeting in June.</p> <p><u>Withdrawal from RE Guidance document</u> GV highlighted that she has presented the draft document at NAPfRE which will become final by May 2016. The document will be made available to SACRE once it is complete.</p> <p><u>Humanist representation</u> Humanist representation on SACRE. Humanists are not a religious group and therefore cannot be on Committee A, but a Humanist representative can be on SACRE as a co-opted member, as already happens in some SACREs currently. The Respect Agenda was referenced with regard to certain individuals not showing respect for Christianity, which would cause problems. Ultimately it is up to each individual SACRE to decide and largely depends on the contribution the individual representative can make to SACRE.</p> <p><u>WASACRE Presentations</u> GV promoted the successful presentations delivered at WASACRE highlighting that in most cases they are available on the WASACRE website.</p> <p><u>Curriculum Review</u> The Pioneer Schools Network will be at the forefront of designing the new curriculum and assessment arrangements with expert advice and support. The Curriculum for Wales Strategic Stakeholder Group will provide</p>		

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	<p>challenge, support and advice as we work together to develop the new curriculum. WASACRE form part of this Strategic Stakeholder Group. The Pioneer Schools focussing on Humanities have not been identified yet. Some experts will work with the Pioneers to develop the scope and content of the Area of Learning and Experience while others will provide quality assurance. Welsh Government is mindful that those providing quality assurance should not be fully involved in the development work to ensure an effective process.</p> <p>c) To note dates of future WASACRE meetings Noted by members.</p> <p>d) To vote for nominations for the WASACRE Executive committee (attached) There are three vacancies to be considered. Four nominations for three places. Members agreed to vote for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Mary Parry o Huw Stephens o Matthew Maidment 		
7.	<p>SACRE News Bulletin</p> <p>a) To receive copy of Summer 2016 News Bulletin (attached) Noted by members.</p> <p>b) Information briefings from members for inclusion in SACRE Autumn News Bulletin SACRE members invited to submit contributions for the Autumn Term Newsletter. Action - JM to invite submissions from all members.</p>	Action 3	JM
8.	<p>Draft meeting dates for 2016/17: Members considered SACRE dates for 2016/17 academic year and requested that all the dates are moved forward by one day to the Wednesday.</p> <p>Action – JM to redistribute dates to all SACRE members.</p>	Action 4	JM
9.	<p>Any other business MP thanked GV for her work over the years supporting and advising the Vale SACRE.</p>		