



Torbay SACRE Minutes

16th June 2021

Agenda Item	Comments
1	<p><u>Welcome</u> Jeremy welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Claire Bird, Carly Watson, Nikki Boone, Bill Becher, Cllr Brown and Cllr Darling, Charlotte Caluori for part of the meeting.</p> <p><u>Attendees:</u></p> <p>Chair Jeremy Roberts (SHA)</p> <p>Advisor: Ed Pawson</p> <p>Group A - Shelley Moss (URC) Helen Brown (Roman Catholic)</p> <p>Group B - Katy Burns Charlotte Caluori – half of meeting Phillip Mantell Angela Sumner</p> <p>Group C - Belinda Twiggs (NASUWT)</p> <p>Torbay Councillors Cllr Foster and Cllr Law</p> <p>Co-opted members Maia Miller (Pagan) Lisa Robillard-Webb Humanist UK</p> <p>Local Authority Debbie Horn (Officer) Sue Kemp (Clerk to SACRE)</p>
2	<p><u>Minutes of last meeting</u> The minutes of the last meeting were agreed to be a true record of the last meeting 24/2/21. Chair agreed to sign off minutes.</p> <p>Update on matters arising:- RE and anti-racism: Debbie confirmed that governors will be made aware of the anti-racism resources through the end of term newsletter and topic was raised at PHSE network</p>



	<p>Understanding Christianity offer to community schools - Ed will continue to promote this online training which is being offered at a reduced price. Constitution Review: It was agreed that Ed will write to Councillors in a friendly way about their attendance at SACRE meetings is an essential duty to fulfil their portfolios.</p> <p>Members asked for condolences to be sent to Cllr Foster following her sad loss.</p>
3	<p><u>Items Requiring Urgent Attention</u> None</p>
5	<p><u>World Views</u> Jeremy welcomed Ruth Flanagan to the meeting to give a talk about world views.</p> <p>Ruth introduced herself and explained her role in delivering RE training for teachers nationally and locally on world views.</p> <p>Ruth presented her power point presentation which will be included with the minutes. She highlighted aspects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed definition • Debates now reflect past differences • Defining worldviews • Why focus on worldviews for RE? <p>Members recognised why worldview was important in teacher training to help students identify their own values and beliefs.</p> <p>Jeremy thanked Ruth for her informative presentation.</p>
4	<p>SACRE Membership updates Item for future attention: Jeremy briefed everyone on a recent newspaper story about resources for RE and anti-racism and white privileged religious education teachers being given new guidance. This impacts on SACREs promotion of its RE and anti-racism free resource for schools. Members voiced their opinions on how useful this resource was to tackle these issues pointing out that it had been externally moderated.</p> <p>NASACRE are currently preparing a response to the newspaper article.</p> <p>Members discussed the benefit to children in using the resource in a balanced way and being able to be given an opportunity to talk about racism in an open and structured way.</p> <p>Jeremy confirmed that he will circulate the newspaper article to members.</p>



	<p>Jeremy thanked Ruth for her contribution to the discussion.</p> <p>Action: RE and Anti-racism to be agenda item next meeting</p>
6.	<p>NASCRE Funding Ed reported that NASACRE have published a report about SACRE funding from information gathered from Local Authorities through a Freedom of Information request.</p> <p>Gavin Williams MP supports and recognises the importance of SACRE and that they should be sufficiently funded to be able to fulfil their statutory functions.</p> <p>Ed confirmed that Torbay is providing all the recommendations within the funding report.</p> <p>Members questioned the difference in past funding as compared to now and how it has been drastically cut. Jeremy reported that Devon and Plymouth have a similar story.</p> <p>Ed said that Torbay SACRE is adequately supported both financially and resourced by Torbay Local Authority.</p> <p>Ed outlined the benefit of having a NASACRE subscription which offers a lot of discounts for members. Debbie agreed that she would support Ed's NASACRE subscription charge.</p> <p>Action: Debbie will discuss the SACRE funding with the Assistant Director of Education, Learning and Skills and feedback at next meeting Ed to forward Debbie details of the annual subscription to NASACRE</p>
7	<p>Torbay SACRE Annual Report 2020/21 Ed apologised for the late circulation of the report.</p> <p>Jeremy requested that members read the report and feedback to Ed any comments by next Wednesday.</p> <p>Members agreed that flowers should be sent to Corrine for her hard work and dedication during her time with Torbay SACRE.</p> <p>Actions: Jeremy will supply Ed with his written foreword. Ed to arrange flowers to be sent to Corrine</p>
8	<p>Torbay SACRE Constitution Review Ed reported that the Constitution is reviewed every five years and is now due for renewal. He requested volunteers from each group to join a task and finish group for one or two afternoon sessions.</p>



	<p>Mia and Lisa agreed to join the non-voting task and finish group.</p>
9	<p>Torbay SACRE Logo Review Ed said that the Torbay SACRE logo now requires updating.</p> <p>Members discussed how this might be achieved and agreed that it should go out to schools in the form of a competition.</p> <p>Action: Debbie and Ed will prepare an email to promote this in schools.</p> <p>Debbie and Lisa left the meeting</p>
10	<p>Learn, Teach Lead Re: Budget and update Jeremy welcomed an update on this important link for teachers.</p> <p>Belinda reported that Torbay and South Devon hubs support each other. Last term Ruth Flanagan had delivered a worldview presentation which was useful to teachers who felt better informed. Corrine delivered the Ofsted 3 I's and Belinda's school is currently writing their vision aided by Judith Harrington.</p> <p>Action: Belinda to share the evaluation lead programme report at the next meeting in October.</p> <p>Jeremy thanked Belinda for her update.</p> <p>SACRE CPD for teachers year on year - Ed proposed SACRE CPD for teachers be funded through designated funds for certain areas i.e. Torbay and asked that members support this proposal.</p> <p>Jeremy asked for a vote of members. The majority of members agreed with the proposal; 2 against and 0 abstained.</p> <p>Action Ed to have a conversation about the proposal to fund SACRE CPD for teachers year on year (£500) with Debbie</p>
11	<p>National Data Entries for GCSE RS in 2020 Ed shared the information relating to the proportion of year 11 cohort entered for GCSE RS in 2020 across the country.</p> <p>It was noted that Torbay's figures were not too bad compared with other authorities. Members discussed the decline in religious priorities within the school's curriculum and that all St Cuthbert Mayne and Torbay Academy enter their pupils in RE examinations.</p> <p>Members were enjoyed to feedback to Ed any feedback.</p>
12	<p>Interfaith Week – events, RE and collective worship resources</p> <p>Members were asked to promote the Inter Faith Week in November.</p>



	<p>Ed talked about a review into RE by Ofsted which was delivered by Dr Richard Kueh HMI and NATRE which was well attended and highlighted the importance of school leaders fulfilling their legal obligation in EW.</p> <p>Both Jeremy and Belinda were very impressed with his knowledge and support of RE CPD.</p> <p>Action: Ed to liaise with Debbie about promoting the RE curriculum in schools through a TAPS and TASH briefing</p> <p>Holocaust Memorial Day Planning 2022 – Ed expressed his ambition to hold a civic event in Torbay and asked Councillors for their support. Cllr Foster confirmed and supported by Cllr Law that they were sure Torbay Mayor would be willing to support hosting a HMD event in Torbay. This would also include inviting young people from the Torbay school community.</p> <p>Action: Ed/Debbie to liaise with June Gurry in Governance about the arrangement to hold a HMD civic event in Torbay. Lisa and Bill are keen to become involved in any preparation to host Torbay HMD event</p>
14	<p>SW SACRE Conference 2021/NASACRE Conference 2021 Both Maia, Bill and Belinda attending the recent SW SACRE conference and found it to be inspiring.</p> <p>Ed attended the NASACRE Conference in March.</p> <p>It was noted the importance of ongoing training for SACRE members.</p> <p>Jeremy thanked everyone for attending today's meeting.</p>

Next SACRE meeting: 21st October 2021 0930 virtually