

In my role as RE Adviser and to support SACRE (referring to Items in Minutes of 8/6/15) I have addressed the following:

Membership

Minutes Item 4:1

- **Identified membership gaps on SACRE** and discussed the work of SACRE with Several potential members
- **Encouraged membership - promote full and active attendance** so SACRE has appropriate representation

Minutes Item 4:2

- **Tracked down the last SACRE Report** so RH can send it to NASACRE
- **Worked with RH to use the NASACRE Website** to find documents to advise SACRE

Minutes Item 6

- I have contacted 2 SACREs but have had no luck in a response / invite to attend.
- I have approached RE-Today's Julia Diamond-Conway to support me to visit a SACRE she has recommended.
- I have looked at NASACRE's website for inspiration which resulted in accessing many of the supportive documents RH circulated for today.

Minutes Item 7 (Section 4 of the SACRE Agenda 20/1/16)

One such document from the work above being the **Self Evaluation Tool**

- I have reviewed this to advise SACRE to make recommendations to inform an action plan from 2016
- Developed a new **SACRE Action Plan** (3 - year?)
- **Training needs for SACRE members** to be identified
- **Action points** should be included in the minutes so we know what decisions have been taken so **SACRE**
 - 1) *can track its progress and successes* and 2) *identify areas still to be addressed*

Minutes Item 8 in bullet point order "Support for Schools"

- An evaluation of the '**Excellent RE**' course being delivered in Southend is underway
 - to review what impact it will have in schools to plan next steps
 - investigate similar provision for SEN Teachers
- I have organised and planned a whole (all schools) **survey of RE** in the Borough / HTs / GBs / Lead teachers views as **SACRE** hasn't yet asked for any formal feedback so the survey will give some information so needs can be addressed, included;
 - Responding to initial consultation, working with RH (Clerk to SACRE) and Justine Shipp (SBC -Consultation and Engagement Officer)
 - a draft copy will be presented at the SACRE Meeting on 20th January, 2016

- the survey includes questions relating not only to **RE** but **Collective Worship** and **SMSC**
 - Seeks views as to how the RE Syllabus is working and identify areas that may need addressing
 - The quality of their school's RE teaching / CPD / resources needed
- A '**Respects for All Pupils of Southend**' Conference with RE-*Today* (See Course Information)
 - Has been organised for Monday March 7th 2016 at Leigh Road Baptist Church.
 - SACRE Members are welcome to attend any or part of the day.
 - SACRE is asked to agree a small fee from its budget for Leigh Road Baptist Church for hosting the event.
- **In process** of collating Ofsted views of RE / SMSC via Of-Watch (new website) in the Borough's schools (Collective Worship is more difficult since recent Ofsted reporting changes took place in the middle of this exercise)
 - to make known and share where there are **CELEBRATIONS** so we can recognise them
 - and to use *these schools* to support others where there are concerns
- Continued to work with NATRE / RE Today and investigating new tranche of teacher CPD
 - Investigating methods to publicise various 'out there' support for schools webcasts / resources/online training opportunities etc. networks/ etc.
- **I have re-started Primary Network for Southend Lead RE teachers** (met 14/10/15; next 9/2/16)
 - **Secondary RE Network** (many thanks to Ben Maddison for this work and support for Prim meeting)
 - **Attended the Chairs of Networks** meetings with South East Teaching School Alliance (SETSA)
- Organised a group of **Southend Primary and Secondary teachers to attend the Strictly RE (NATRE) Conference in London**, on Saturday 30th January 2016.
 - This is an excellent whole-day RE event with a range of Primary and Secondary seminars,
 - Has access to updates, resources, Ofsted and RE specialist Inspectors available for question-answer sessions.
- **Visited 3 Pre-schools** settings to support practitioners and their British Values/ RE provision. These settings (and one setting whose Manager has responded after attending the British Values Training that I facilitated for SBC) have welcomed assistance in this area, mostly being able to recognise where they are already meeting this provision.
- "British Values" Facilitation for Borough schools has been well-received and more sessions have been requested. (Many thanks to Kate Christopher of RE Today for her support.)
- I have attended the **Institute of Education's Holocaust Memorial Education**, the best CPD I have ever attended. Feeding back to Rosemary Pennington for next steps for HMD (2017)
- Linked up with Lisa Holloway (Healthy Schools, PSHE) ; joined the Borough's **Diversity and Difference Group**
- Made links with the schools in this group and invited them to the Respect for All Pupil Conference (links to RE/PSHE)

- **Organised and delivered** training for the Borough Schools for **British Values** on 23/ 6/ 15 at Tickfield (which I am delivering with RE TODAY (to support schools / teachers/ LA/ governors...pupils)

Response to Any other business of the meeting of Monday 8th June, 2015.

- The examination results for the Boroughs schools and young people have not yet been compiled.
- I have contacted Jana Kenton and Janet Dyson to begin to compile the figures of the National RE Examinations. This will be very interesting in light of the changes to these examinations that have recently taken place.
- Janet Dyson has responded positively to my request for support in compiling the report and presenting these figures clearly.
- Schools will be contacted soon.

Report for Southend on Sea SACRE

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