

**CUMBRIAN STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)
MINUTES OF MEETING ON 13 MARCH 2024
RICHARD ROSE MORTON ACADEMY AND ALSO VIA TEAMS**

Committee A: Other Faiths/ Denominations	Committee B: Church of England (CE)	Committee C: Teacher Associations	Committee D: Local Authority	Co-opted: Rebekah Ackroyd Georgia Prescott Carolyn Reade
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Present:	Sheila Gewolb Karen O'Donoghue (Chair) Wendy Ridley Rashmi Manemi Jane Yates Rev David Milner	Sarah Harrison Laura Watson	James Douglas Katherine France Bernadette Little Irene Roberts- Green	Elaine Lynch (Cumberland) Sue Sanderson (W&F)	Clerk to SACRE Sue McGaw LA Support Officer Rachel Laverack (Cumberland)
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Apologies:	Michael Watmough	Richard Cox	Brian Eaton	Neil Hughes (W&F) Chris Southward (Cumberland)	Vicky Bunter David Hodgkiss (W&F)
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Vacancies:	Baptist	Pentecostal Unitarian	United Reformed Orthodox	Salvation Army
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1. Welcome and introductions

Apologies for absence and substitutions – as above. The meeting was quorate. This was a meeting. KO'D welcomed everyone and members introduced themselves. This was the first Sarah Harrison new CofE Rep from Morland Area CofE school. With it being a 19 day fast community, Lent and Ramadan, KO'D asked the group to say what fasting means to them, introduced themselves.

Rachael Ryan from Morton Academy introduced herself, the meeting was being hosted in t

2. Minutes of previous meeting held on 2 October 2023 – the minutes were agreed.

3. Matters arising not covered in the agenda – SACRE Constitution this is ongoing, ask DH to see where we are.

4. SACRE Development Plan

The working group have met 3 times since October, looking at the Self Evaluation Plan and detail at the Development Plan. JY has the draft with 5 new aims. Some points still to be agreed plan will be finalised at a further working group meeting, to be arranged on-line. The working group especially Jane and Wendy were thanked for their work on this.

SACRE members have benefited from attending various NASACRE training events.

5. Feedback from Rachel Laverack – How may SACREs effectively monitor schools? NASACRE event

RL attended the on-line event, with SACRE members from different authorities who talked about how they monitor their schools:

- RL handed out a form from Lewisham that their SACRE members use to monitor their schools. This will be trialled by our working group.
- Hampshire monitor schools Ofsted reports. RL has looked at the comments from reports in Cumberland, since September. It was agreed these reports painted a positive picture in schools suggested that we could send congratulations letters to Headteachers after a report published. Ask DH to look at the reports from this academic year in Westmorland and
- Another way of monitoring would be to look at which schools are attending training
- Look at arranging visits to schools to get a better understanding.

SMc to email copy of the forms.

RE/CW comments on reports were collated by SACRE in the past, this was stopped when comments were appearing on the reports. Laura Watson has been looking at SIAMs reports also positive. RL will continue to collate this information.

6. Cumbrian SACRE/RE Conference 2024

This is taking place on Tuesday 4 June at the North Lakes Hotel in Penrith. JY shared the conference programme on the screen. The main speaker is Julia Diamond-Conway from RE Today. The programme was launched at last years conference, with a year of implementation. Free training on the conference has been run for schools. Normally SACRE can fund 10 of its members to attend. Councillors can attend without charge but unfortunately the day clashes with another meeting. Invite Daniel Dyer to represent Voices in RE (VVRE).

7. Survey to secondary schools

This was sent to schools and after some chasing 18 have responded. Two main questions were the number of specialist teachers and non-specialist teachers. JY ran through the slides. SMC presented to members. Where the survey has a high percentage of n/a it was presumed there was no response or exam entry.

- There is a lack of RE specialists.
- Specialist teachers retiring but only a small number are available to replace, this is especially in faith schools and is running into other subjects.
- Non specialist teachers who teach RE can't access training in RE as they already have their specialist subject.
- How can we as a SACRE respond to this?
 - lobby MPs
 - SG to talk to other SACREs at the next NW SACRE meeting
 - push for RE to be added to the EBacc

JY to turn results into a report. Feedback results to schools.

Students from the school attended the next session to talk about the Jewish Living Learning which had been held in school over a week. All students had been extremely interested in what they learned and said it had impacted on them.

8. North West RE Hubs

North West SACRE termly meetings held in Preston - set up to share good practice. Large attendance. SG attends these, she is trying to get Jewish Reps onto SACREs that don't have the

