

Hackney SACRE

Chair: Sandra Hall

Minutes of meeting: 10/02/21

Advisor: Stacey Burman, Hackney Learning Trust

Clerk: Justin Feltham, Hackney Learning Trust



Group	Present	Apologies
1	Rumana Rafique, Naftali Loewenthal.	Justin Madubuko, Priya Reid, Rev Andrew Letby, Rabbi Roni
2	Prebendary Rosemia Brown (left 18:02)	Rev J Westcott
3	Sandra Hall, Sheena Merchant, Nasima Ephraim, Brenda Humphreys	Natalie Petzel (Had trouble connecting)
4	Cllr Harvey Odze, Cllr Kam Adams (left 17:55), David Pollock	Cllr Sade Etti, Cllr Katie Hanson, Cllr Jessica Webb
Advisor	Stacey Burman	
Observers	Anton Francic (left 17:14), Israfil Erbil, Hasan Bolucek, Colin Whitehead (left 18:28), Ivor Millman	

No apologies received: Lynn Hargreaves, Ruhi Altun, Dulmini Wimalasekera, Sheikh Yasar Zaman, Omer Dogan, Raj Dharma, Michelle Byrne, Jon Pedlar.

Apologies received after the meeting: None

Item	Notes/discussion	Actions
1 Welcome, Introduction and Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sandra Hall (SH) opened the meeting at 16:45. Rumana Rafique introduced herself as this is the first meeting she has been able to attend since becoming a member. A query was raised as to when Reverend Letby and Rabbi Roni's membership had commenced. SB noted that they were noted at the last meeting. SB advised that due to communication issues with the current representative Hasan Bolucek can now represent Alevism on the Hackney SACRE board. SB invited Hasan Bolucek and Israfil Erbil to this meeting to observe. They both introduced themselves. It was noted that Colin Whitehead from Waltham Forest SACRE was also attending as an observer to see how Hackney SACRE runs. CW introduced himself. JF to draft a letter for Chair to send to Annie Gammon and AF in order to formalise the new members of SACRE. 	28 JF
2 Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apologies and absence were accepted from those who had informed the clerk/chair before the meeting as per above. Absence from the meeting from those who had not sent apologies was not accepted. 	
3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JF noted that prior to the meeting Prebendary Rosemia Brown had proposed Sandra Hall to continue as Chair of SACRE for the coming year. This was seconded by Sheena Merchant in the meeting. No other members were nominated. A vote was held and Sandra Hall was voted unanimously to be Chair of SACRE for the coming year. JF advised that nobody had come forward to stand as Vice Chair for the coming year. At the meeting David Pollock advised he would be happy to stand as vice chair. Sandra Hall proposed this and Cllr Kam Adams seconded this. No other members were nominated. A vote was held and David Pollock was voted unanimously to be Vice-Chair of SACRE for the coming year. 	29 30

<p>4 Minutes of previous meeting 4.1 Minutes to be agreed</p> <p>4.2 Matters Arising /Actions from last meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The minutes from the last meeting were agreed as a true record, subject to the following amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ On p.4, line 7: the correct name is “Faith and Belief Forum” (https://faithbeliefforum.org/) and it ought to be so named all five times it is mentioned in this section. Also the reference to the DfE should be removed: it is an independent charity, however well the DfE may look at it. ○ On p.5 half way down at the end of the line “thought” should be “through” ○ On p.5 six lines up should read ‘diversity within Islam and Judaism including Haredi, as well as including Alevi’s’. ○ On p.6 in the seventh bullet point ‘breached’ should be ‘bridged’. ● Actions from last meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Please see the separate action list. ● Matters arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Neither NE nor RR received their calendar in school. SH will resend via internal post. ○ RB has not received a calendar either. SH to send via royal mail. ○ It was suggested that SB check with schools to see if they received their calendars. It was agreed that SB will put something in the schools bulletin to advise that the new calendar competition has been launched and that if this year's calendar had not been received then they should contact SB. 	<p>31</p> <p>32 SH 33 SH 34 SB</p>
<p>5. Locally Agreed Syllabus 5.1 Support Materials</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SB confirmed that the new syllabus had been sent out to schools and had been well received. The next step would be to look at how schools can be supported. ● OFSTED inspection deep dives had noted comments about the lack of teachers subject knowledge particularly in humanities subjects and RE. ● In order to support the teachers subject enhancement webinars had been produced on individual religions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ So far Sikhism and Hinduism webinars have been completed, checked and approved by SACRE members. ○ The script for the Judaism webinar has also been sent and approved. SB requested that NL also check the script. ○ AL, RB and JM have looked at Christianity script and AL has approved. RB will also take a look. ○ Alevism is being put together by SB. Alevism has short webinars aimed at KS3 students available, but the webinar produced by SB is for the teachers. ○ Buddhism will also be looked at. ○ DP noted that Humanism hasn’t been mentioned as a possible webinar. SB added that Humanism has been included already in inset training, and include on 3ed in units of work provided to schools, including one big question on life and death and humanism is part of this. DP noted that it is worth making sure that all schools know about the humanism website. ○ HO asked who had approved the Judaism script. SB noted it was Rabbi Roni and other reps from alternative SACRE. HO and NL will take a further look. ● REal resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SB noted that it is usual for schools to look at diversity amongst religions by taking the students to a place of worship. This hasn’t been possible during COVID and so SB suggests getting real people to talk about their lived religion to support the teaching of diversity, now a requirement of the syllabus. 	<p>35 NL</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SB invited all SACRE members to record a maximum 10 minute video about their own personal lived response to religion. It should cover the following 4 questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ “What do I believe about how the world began?” ■ “What buildings/places are important to me/do I worship, and how do the features or items here show what I believe [about God] and value as important?” ■ “What do I wear that shows my beliefs/values?” ■ “What do I believe happens when we die?” ○ If a SACRE member has access to a place of worship then perhaps they could do a mini tour. ○ It would also be good to gain an insight into how they worship at home. What they wear i.e Hijab, Crucifix. Any religious artefacts they have in their home. ○ This will provide a much more powerful stimulus to aid discussion and learning for the students. ○ Once complete, please can the videos be sent to SB. SB would like these in the next couple of weeks. ○ HO requested SB add help for making videos on android phones to the REal resources paper. ○ SB will ensure that any edits to SACRE members videos are shared with the SACRE member before finalising. ○ NL noted that he has been making several videos for university purposes and these may be useful. ○ SB advised to only say your first name and not give full names or addresses. ○ KA asked if it was only religious leaders who should make videos. SB noted she would like all SACRE members to make one, but those who aren’t comfortable in making one do not need to. However it is really encouraged. ○ SB also noted that if anyone else is included in the video that their permission is sought. ○ Going forward it will also be possible for SACRE members to view other SACRE members to learn about other religions. ○ HB asked if it is possible to be shared via Wetransfer. SB confirmed this is ok. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Members AGREED to devise videos and forward to SB 	<p>36 SB</p> <p>37 ALL</p>
<p>6 Local Updates: 6.1RSHE in Hackney</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SB noted at the last SACRE meeting some faith schools have concerns around how to deliver the statutory requirement for RSHE. In order to support them a working party has been set up. The first meeting of this working party has been held. DP, NL and HO were in attendance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DP noted that at the meeting the terms of reference were circulated. ○ They looked at ways that the more difficult topics could be approached through Torah stories. ○ SB explained this working party had only talked about primary RSE thus far, and only focussing on certain Haredi schools in particular Lubavitch. ○ They looked at the current primary provision and the potential to provide further guidance to cover some other elements about relationships. ○ SB and NL will work together to produce this. ○ Next meeting is on 17 March where the working party will clarify what is required in secondary RSE, which areas are more difficult to cover and how the schools can be supported. ○ The group will focus on Lubavitch in the interim before moving on to other Haredi schools. Guidance will be produced which may or may not be suitable for all schools. 	

6.2 Teacher Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SB advised she has continued to link up with the faith and belief forum to help with the CPD delivered in the Autumn term. This has been followed up with a school event (online due to COVID). Teachers from different schools have been linked up and supported to carry out different tasks, questions and have dialogue on religion and identity. ● A second session in March will focus on remote learning and ideas for activities that can be carried out with the link partners school. ● 20 Primary schools have signed up to this and seem to be happy with how it is going. ● RR who was in attendance at the teacher training meetings suggested that SB send out an encouraging email to the teachers and remind them who their link teacher is. NE agreed as she advised that she hadn't heard back from her link school. ● SB noted that there is no expectation that all tasks will be completed, but it would be useful to get feedback on teachers' experiences as to what has worked and what hasn't. ● SM noted that she attended this link training meeting. She found it useful and liked when it opened the laid principles of ground rules and encouraged teachers to do this with the students. Inset is a fantastic opportunity to galvanise themselves. ● DP advised the Faith and Belief Forum website has a page on Alevi. HO noted it also has a link to Alevi music. SB advised that it would be useful to generate something for SACRE resources. 	38 SB
6.3 Annual Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SB advised there were no exam figures this year due to COVID so last years have been included along with further information from this year. The report covers 2019 to Summer 2020. ● NL asked if iGCSE's count in the figures. SB noted that they do not. ● SB requested that all members check for typos and let her know. ● DP advised there may be a couple of statistical errors and he will email SB on this. SH noted that she has a query which she will send to SB. ● SB asked if members agreed to sign off the annual report. HO proposed accepting the report, DP seconded accepting the report. All members AGREED for the annual report to be signed off subject to any typos being amended. 	39 ALL 40
6.4 Hackney Faith Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SB noted at the last meeting they discussed the COVID vaccine and how to encourage those communities who are concerned to get the vaccine. ● IM introduced himself. ● SB and IM advised it would be a good idea to encourage members of the Hackney Faith Forum to also record short videos in response to the big question similar to what SB requested SACRE members do (above). ● SB will email SE (cc IM) to suggest this at the next Hackney Faith Forum meeting. ● SB suggested the Alevi members might like to attend the next Hackney Faith Forum meeting. ● HB advised he would like to be part of the forum etc. ● SB will email SE to get Alevi members included on future invites. 	41 SB 42 SB
6.5 RE Calendars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SB advised the focus for the next RE calendar is diversity and religions. Discussions will be held with pupils over zoom. ● It doesn't need to be religious, for example, pupils can look at the difference between homes and compare them to places of worship. ● Key stage 3 looks at beliefs around life and death. This is common in all secondary schools. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SB will add a notice about the competition in the schools bulletin. Due to COVID submissions should be made as high quality scans rather than originals being sent in the post. This will also mean all pupils can more easily enter. If the pupils do not have equipment at home to provide a high quality scan then they can be sent to the school to scan. ● SH will send details to the headteachers network. ● DP suggested that details also be sent to the art teachers in schools as well as RE teachers. ● SB asked if members wanted the next calendar to be printed or just distributed via emailed PDF copies. All agreed it should be printed as well as PDF copies being made available. ● SB noted that Alevi entries hadn't been received and encouraged more Alevi entries this year asking if there was any particular imagery which could be included. ● SB advised she will send out dates of events for inclusion in the calendar and asked for members to check they are correct 	<p>43 SB</p> <p>44 SH</p> <p>45 SB/ALL</p>
<p>7 Dates for future meetings</p> <p>7.1 Meeting Dates</p> <p>7.2 Council Calendar</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SH advised the next SACRE meeting is scheduled for Thursday 10 June 2021 16:30. ● Due to a member advising via email they would prefer a later start, it was agreed to carry out a poll of members to see which time they preferred. Of those in attendance 11 people voted and the results were as follows: 8 votes were received for 16:30-18:30, 1 vote were received for 17:30-19:30, 2 votes were received stating either option was fine. ● It was therefore agreed that the next meeting be held at 16:30. ● JF noted that when the minutes are circulated he will advise that a poll has been held at this meeting, however he would ask those not in attendance for their preference in case it altered the majority option chosen. ● HO advised that the draft calendar for the next year will be presented to Councillors at the March full council meeting. It is then confirmed at the May full council meeting. ● SACRE dates for the next academic year were discussed with those in attendance. The following dates were chosen . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wednesday 13 October 2021 ○ Wednesday 9 February 2022 ○ Tuesday 14 June 2022 ● HO will share the dates with the officer in charge of the council calendar. ● JF to share dates with SACRE members along when minutes are circulated. 	<p>46 JF</p> <p>47 HO</p> <p>48 JF</p>
<p>8 Any Other Business (AOB)</p> <p>8.1 Alevi in Hackney</p> <p>8.2 Including future Agenda Items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SB informed HB about the previously held conversation with Mayor Philip Glanville about promoting Alevi in Hackney with a planned council celebratory event being held in conjunction with SACRE. The Mayor also expressed his interest in visiting a school to learn more about how they were teaching about Alevism. Due to COVID this hasn't progressed. SB will discuss with HB various ways to promote Alevism. ● HB/IE thanked SB for inviting them to be a part of SACRE. It is important for youngsters who are having a lack of identity and sense of belonging that Alevism is represented as much as possible. It is unfortunate that due to the previous representative being unable to attend the SACRE meetings it has meant Alevism hasn't been represented. There are tens of thousands of people practicing Alevism living in Hackney and parents of pupils have requested that more schools teach Alevism in order that the pupils can explain who they are. HB/IE have assisted schools with this. ● Nothing was discussed 	<p>49 SB</p>

<p>8.3 Any Other Business.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It was mentioned that in a previous schools’ bulletin that a particular website was being promoted by Hackney Education to support the teaching of RSE in faith schools. The link to the website was shared with all members. There were concerns about the content relating to religious views on RSE topics as being accurate. For example, the website displays women in trousers which would be objected to by Haredi. ● It was agreed that SACRE might send a letter to Hackney Education requesting that they check with SACRE before promoting websites with religious content. SH will draft a letter. ● As SB was unsure where the website had obtained their information, it was suggested that SACRE members check that the content of the website is agreeable to all religions. 	<p>50 SH</p> <p>51 ALL</p>
<p>Close</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting closed at 18:38 	