

**Bath and North East Somerset
Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education**

**Minutes for the meeting held at Bath Spa University College
Wednesday 30th June 2004
7 30 - 9 30 pm**

Present:

Christian Denominations and other Religions Committee

Edward Hulme	Free Churches
Anne Banks	Free Churches
Kevin McDermott	Roman Catholic
Jane Aldred	Baha'i

Church of England Committee

Tony Bradley
Neil Baker
Imogen Woods
Kevin Tingay

Teachers Associations Committee

Mary Dadley	NUT
Jackie Williams	ATL

Local Education Committee

Cllr Jonathan Gay	Bath and NES LEA
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Co-opted members

Denise Cush	Bath Spa University College
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In attendance

Richard Brock	Assistant Director of Education, Bath and NES LEA
Gerald Whitaker	Acting Clerk to SACRE

The acting clerk was not present at the start of the meeting so Edward Hulme took notes until his arrival.

1. Welcome and apologies

A welcome was given to new member Anne Banks, a Free Church representative (from Central United Reform Church, Bath and Head of Sixth Form, Haysfield School).

Apologies were received from: Mike Brownbill, Fred Ward (Clerk).

A few minutes silence were taken in remembrance of Catherine Hewitt, who died in May. She was a long serving SACRE member, representing the Buddhist community.

ACTION: Chair, Mary Dudley agreed to write to the Buddhist Community expressing sympathy for their loss and gratitude for Catherine Hewitt's character and contribution to SACRE.

2. Approval of minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 23 March 2004 were approved.

3. Matters arising

a) Oldfield School OFSTED Report

Richard Brock was making contact with the school to follow up the enquiry.

b) Locally agreed syllabus

Denise Cush reported that the North Somerset and Somerset LEAs' syllabus were to remain essentially the same although some sectors were to be updated. SACRE's policy will depend largely upon QCA decisions and requirements.

ACTION: It was agreed that syllabus revisions should be a major agenda item on the for the next two meetings. Eight copies of the draft report to be available for the next meeting (it was felt the report was too bulky to be sent to everyone and they would share during the meeting).

(Clerk joined the meeting at this point)

c) Members list:

Committee D, Local Education Authority. Councillor Jonathan Gay reported that his name was not recorded even though he was a member.

It was also requested that the actual meeting place (The Newton Annex) be placed on Agendas and in the minutes.

ACTION: The clerk agreed to make the necessary changes.

4. OFSTED inspection summaries

These were received and it was noted that Saltford Primary should have received a "Good" rather than satisfactory.

5. SACRE Development Plan

SACRE requires a wider spread of views with representatives from more faiths. Suggestions were made as how to contact and recruit new members, including New Age groups, Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormons.

ACTION: Denise Cush and Kevin Tingay agreed to meet and report back to the November SACRE meeting with suggestions.

6. Website

There had been no response as yet to the letter sent to schools. There was a wish to extend the 'professional resource' section to include "Good Practice" with all items downloadable. Edward Hulme is responsible for new pages/updates.

ACTION: A reminder would be sent in the first half of the autumn term.

7. VI Form Conerence

Jackie Williams reported that there had not been a good response. She would conduct further enquiries to determine the speaker, content and audience.

ACTION: Jackie Williams agreed to contact the Chair, Kevin McDermott and the clerk when she had more details.

8. Resource Centre

A box of artefacts has been purchased and is temporarily stored in LEA offices at Keynsham.

ACTION: Edward Hulme and Jane Aldred will check and list the contents. Loan arrangements will be determined at a future meeting.

9. AOB

It was noted that with changes in Key Stage 4, some pupils were out of school when they should have been receiving RE lessons. It was felt that measures should be adopted to try to remedy this.

10. Next meeting

This will be held in 'The Newton Annex', Bath Spa University College on 15 November 2004.