

Pan- Berkshire SACRE Hub Meeting

Tuesday 10th Jan, 2017

Wokingham Borough Council, Shute End, Wokingham

Present

Jan Lever - Chair

Anne Andrews - Advisor to Bracknell forest and Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead

Stephen Vegh - Wokingham

Beth Rowland - Wokingham

Michael Freeman - Reading

Karin Butler - RBWM

Mary Harwood - West Berkshire

Catherine Jinkerson - Wokingham

David Rees - Advisor to Reading

(Colours denote who is responsible for actions...see below)

Apologies:

Jo Fageant, Slough, (West Berks)

Zvi Solomons, Reading

Julie Siddiqui, Slough

Tracey Williams, Bracknell Forest

Madeline Diver, Bracknell Forest

Minutes and issues arising

- Request to paginate in future
 - Point was raised concerning the training of new SACRE members - previous minutes stated that training would be up to each SACRE - discussion ensued concerning developing materials for new members, setting up a buddying system with mentors to help with the induction process - system would need to incur no costs and be consistent across the 6 SACRES. AA said she would put materials/pack together as she was doing something similar for the Diocese.
 - **Request to put the training of new members on the next agenda**
 - Suggestion - to run an induction/refresher session after the next Hub meeting on 25th April - timing could be 5.30-7pm. JL will check to see if the council chamber could be used for this.
 - Michael F stated that the new GCSE book on Judaism by Clive Lawton was excellent both as a 'personal tool and teaching resource'
1. Feedback
 - Crossing the Bridges- conference on sept 28th very successful - now we need to produce some materials for a case study - the Q&A session with faith leaders was a 'sparky and enjoyable exchange'
 - Record a big 'thank you' to all who came, contributed and planned the event.
 2. SACRE feedback - SV mentioned the forms on the Crossing the Bridges project are interactive PDFs and hence are not easy to edit. A request was made for them to be in word format as you can still lock down the pre-populated boxes but can still allow the empty boxes to be populated. JL said she would feed this back to the graphics team. This would help CJ when trying to obtain information for the places of worship directory.

3. A. Directory - CJ has 7 returns and has been chasing others. Many places use a lot of volunteers to help so filling in forms is not a quick process.

- The Wokingham RE trail - is there a weblink?
- In Maidenhead the *churches together* group have put together a mini directory which is very useful but not available online. Is there a plan to make it electronic? CJ to investigate.
- Most feedback is coming from Maidenhead/ Slough and Stoke Poges. - these areas are looking the most likely to be used in the CPD day (March 8th).
- Enquiries were made as to whether other areas like Ascot, Datchet or West Berks had been involved. CJ has received no contact from these and AA stated that efforts to engage them previously had proved challenging.
- Interfaith Forum - personal contact is needed - the Westhill Award had some admin. time available.
- Non- Christian places had showed more interest up to this point.
- Universities could be involved in coming into schools

B. Crossing the Bridges CPD day

- The next day is planned for Weds March 8th DR & CJ organising this. The idea is to take a group of teachers to 4 places of worship to examine the buildings, talk to faith community members and develop links with a view to arranging more focussed visits to these places. The learning would be at a deeper level than previously. DR would take photographs on the day and turn these into power points to be circulated to and used in schools. CJ is finalising the details of the day and a flyer will need to be sent out soon so that people have time to book. Teachers will use the Crossing the Bridges materials and provide examples for the web pages and to share with schools.
- Transport could be an issue - there was a suggestion to engage with the business community to provide some finance to help this happen.
- The host training event was well attended - 16 came and the feedback was excellent. There will be another one on Feb 23rd at the Wokingham Baptist Church from 1-4pm. Anne A to lead. JI to do admin.
- The Crossing the Bridges templates are available free on various websites. We hope to encourage some samples of work so a case study can be produced. Network meetings will again inform of the availability and also of the next CPD day in March.
- Follow up conference event - JL to check availability of the same venue for the week beginning 25th September- this would be held to disseminate information on the second phase.

4. Agreed Syllabus Conference

- The review process will start later in the year - there is a draft action plan and a need for each SACRE to commit funds to the process. £1700 is the same amount as contributed to Hub and Crossing the Bridges this year and this will enable the review to happen and be managed. MF said he had contacted Dan Neal and RBC can contribute £2700. RBWM had discussed and agreed the sum, an invoice needs to be drafted. Bracknell said it would be from next year's budget. W Berks 'should be OK'. Wokingham has agreed the amount and Slough is confident it will also gain this funding.
- The Hub will be the Steering Group for the syllabus review.
- Communication channels – each SACRE to explore best communication channels to reach schools and stakeholders.
- Jan will simplify the ASC draft plan for SACREs to look at at next round of SACRE meetings
- SV - life after levels will be the biggest challenge - exemplifications will be needed.
- Consultation - schools input will be sought.

- AOB - MF What is the job description of the SACRE clerk? Can this be put on the agenda for next time?

Next meeting 4.15 on Tuesday 25th April at WBC, Shute End, RG40 1BN

Autumn term meeting: Tuesday 12th September 2017 4.15-6pm Venue tbc

Annual pan-Berkshire SACRE conference w/c 25 September 2017, details tba (This will celebrate and review the achievements of the Crossing the Bridges Project.

Comments and enquiries to Hub Manager:

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