

MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF MEETING

SACRE MEETING

TUESDAY, 8TH OCTOBER, 2013

PRESENT: Councillor E Galsworthy (In the Chair)
Councillor K Moran
Lucy Draper, Ann Star, Julie Symes and Lynda Maddock
Carys Pritchard - System Leader, Central South Consortium
Dorothy Haines (Head of School Improvement)
Mair Morgan (Democratic Services/Scrutiny Support Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
535	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor G Davies and Councillor G Lewis.
536	Election of Chairperson	Resolved that: Councillor E C Galsworthy be elected as Chair.
537	Election of Vice Chairperson	Resolved that: Julie Symes be elected as Vice Chair.
538	Minutes of the last Meeting	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Meeting held 11 June 2013 be accepted as a correct record.

539	Matters Arising	Arising on Minute 139 - SACRE Monitoring Carys Pritchard updated the Meeting and advised that Edwardsville Primary had been re-inspected by Estyn and issues relating to RE had been addressed.
540	SACRE Annual Report 2012-13	<p>Carys Pritchard referred to the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education Annual Report 2012 – 2013 and led the Committee in detail through the report and responded to questions raised.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>(a) The report be noted and approved</p> <p>(b) The report be sent to DfES by 30 December 2013</p>
541	SACRE Development Plan 2012-15 (See Annual Report)	<p>Carys Pritchard referred to the Merthyr Tydfil SACRE Development Plan 2012 – 2015 (Academic Year) and responded in detail to questions raised by the Committee.</p> <p>Carys Pritchard also advised that she would circulate again to schools documents in relation to collective worship.</p> <p>She also referred to self-evaluation questionnaires in relation to religious education and collective worship and that schools could be asked to complete to raise awareness. Training could also be promoted. She also stated that she would analyse responses received from schools and report back to the Committee with findings.</p>
542	Estyn Thematic Review: Religious Education in Secondary Schools	<p>Carys Pritchard led the Committee in detail through the report and responded to questions raised.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The report be received.</p>
543	Teacher Assessment Levels in Religious Education 2013 (to be tabled at meeting)	<p>Carys Pritchard circulated a report entitled 'Key Stage 3: Year 9 Religious Education Levels 2012 and 2013 and led the Committee in detail through the report and responded to questions raised.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The report be received.</p>
544	WASACRE	<p>Carys Pritchard referred the Committee in detail to the Minutes of the WASACRE Meeting held 19 June 2013.</p> <p>Carys Pritchard advised in relation to Item Five – RE Quality Mark - more information would be received in due course and that she could arrange to have a presentation regarding this issue.</p> <p>Carys Pritchard advised that under Item eight – Election of Members to the Executive this issue had been resolved and therefore there was no voting required for the position.</p>

		<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes be received.</p>
545	'People, Beliefs and Questions: Religious Education for 3 to 7 year olds in Wales'	<p>Carys Pritchard referred the Committee to the Welsh Government Foundation Phase Guidance Document: People, Beliefs and Questions and advised that a copy was available for circulation to schools.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The document 'People, Beliefs and Questions: Religious Education for 3 to 7 year olds in Wales' be noted and circulated to schools.</p>
546	Holocaust Memorial Day 2014	<p>Carys Pritchard referred the Committee to the report.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The information on HMD and the website reference for appropriate resources be circulated to schools.</p>
547	Schedule of Meetings	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>(a) The Spring Term Meeting be held on Tuesday 11 February 2014 commencing at 3.45 pm</p> <p>(b) The Summer Term Meeting be held on Tuesday 10 June 2014 commencing at 3.45 pm</p>
548	Correspondence	No correspondence was received.
549	Any Other Business	The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent.

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