



MERTHYR TYDFIL
County Borough Council
Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol
MERTHYR TUDFUL

MINUTES OF MEETING

SACRE MEETING

TUESDAY, 7TH JUNE, 2016

PRESENT: Councillor E Galsworthy (In the Chair)

Councillors K Moran and G Lewis

Professional Associations:

A Jones, J Jones and L Draper

Faith Communities:

A Star

LA Representatives:

V Thomas

K Vokes (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
121	Apologies for absence	Apologies for absence received from Sian Bernard-Henderson, Lee-anne McCarthy, Mark Carrington and Andy Pitt.
122	Declaration of Interests	No declarations of interest were made.
123	Minutes of previous meeting held on 11th February 2016 at Twynyrodyn Primary School	RESOLVED that: The minutes of the meeting held on 11 th February 2016 were submitted and approved.
124	Matters Arising	Vicky Thomas advised that she has prepared a draft article for RE News on Justine Jones' presentation at March's meeting on the use of thinking skills in RE.

		Discussed ensued in relation to the Roman Catholic vacancy and Vicky Thomas advised that she would make enquiries with Deacon Philip Manghan to try to progress this.
125	Schedule of meetings: 2016/17	Members agreed the forthcoming meetings of SACRE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, 1st November 2016 at 3.45 pm to be held at Afon Taf High School. • Tuesday, 7th March 2017 at 3.45 pm to be held at Trelewis Community School. • Wednesday, 14th June 2017 at 3.45 pm to be held at the Civic Centre.
126	Presentation on Collective Worship in Primary Schools	<p>Vicky Thomas made a presentation on the provision of daily acts of collective worship in primary schools in response to comments made in the Estyn Inspection reports about some schools not complying fully with the statutory requirement. She outlined the following in detail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estyn Guidelines on collective worship. • How can we create the right atmosphere for worship? • How can we make sure our assembly links well with the collective worship if it is not on a christian theme? • How can we encourage children to reflect? • How can we make sure that worship stands out from the main assembly? • How can we encourage all pupils? • Things to remember when planning daily act of worship. • Examples of monthly themes for whole school collective worship. <p>Discussion ensued in relation to this presentation, and it was RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vicky Thomas contact Mark Campion from Estyn on an informal basis to seek further guidance on the recent outcome of the Estyn Inspection for Twynyrodyn Community School. • A copy of the presentation be sent to all primary schools.

127	Update: Revised Criteria for GCSE and GCE Specifications	<p>Vicky Thomas updated members in relation to the current situation in schools, namely route one (optional religious studies), route two (GCSE RS accreditation in the statutory religious education lesson) and also the meeting between WJEC and NAPfRE representatives on the 15th April 2016.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SACRE notes the contents of the report. • Vicky Thomas to provide members with further information as and when it becomes available.
128	Update: National Curriculum Review and Assessment	<p>Vicky Thomas advised members on the update in relation to the national curriculum review, and the NAPfRE briefing paper which outlined the particular issues relating to RE within a new curriculum. She went through the three areas identified by NAPfRE, namely RE in the present curriculum, withdrawal and RE for nursery settings.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The contents be noted by the Committee. • Vicky Thomas will update members at a future meeting.
129	INCERTS	<p>Vicky Thomas outlined the concerns raised at the National Advisory Panel for RE and WASACRE about the INCERTS software which tracks pupils' progress in National Curriculum subjects and Religious Education.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>A letter be sent to all schools, on behalf of the Local Authority, to reiterate the need to ensure that they are using the correct option for RE within the Incerts programme.</p>
130	WASACRE Issues:	<p><u>Feedback from meeting at Haverfordwest</u> Vicky Thomas updated members on the WASACRE meeting on the 8th March 2016.</p> <p><u>Feedback on Welsh Baccaulaureate survey</u> Vicky Thomas referred to the launch of the new Welsh Baccaulaureate in September 2015, and advised members of the outcome of the survey circulated to all Secondary Schools outlining the positive/negative impacts on religious education.</p> <p><u>Representation at next meeting at Rhyl</u> The Chair and Vicky Thomas confirmed that they would be unable to attend this meeting on the 23rd June 2016.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: Karen Vokes would e-mail all members to enquire if they would be able to attend.</p>

		<p><u>Executive Voting for the period 2016-19</u> Following discussion, it was RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Parry, Huw Stephens and Matthew Maidment be nominated by Merthyr SACRE for membership of the Executive Committee of WASACRE. • Karen Vokes to e-mail Libby Jones with confirmation of these nominations.
131	Correspondence	No correspondence was discussed.
132	Any other business as deemed urgent by the Chairman	The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent.