

WASACRE meeting 20 November 2018

Llantwit Major Secondary School, Vale of Glamorgan.

NB any action points for SACREs in bold

1. Minutes of previous meeting accepted as true record (Anglesey)
2. Matters arising included:
 - Bilingual-all documents translated as requested
 - non-attendance of WJEC noted
 - RE quality mark praised
 - Need for joint NAPfRE and WASACRE response to professional support for RE
3. WG presentation –National Approach to Professional Learning-Keven Palmer - *NB full details to be found on WASACRE website*

KP outlined the following:

- Definition of professional learning
 - Why we need a national approach
 - Key elements of above-e.g. learners at heart, unique nature of each school needs to be taken into account,
 - Implications of new curriculum and professional learning will be known by February 2019
 - Concerns-capacity of teachers and resources and lack of RE expertise to deliver new curriculum
4. Paula Webber and other contributions
 - update on new curriculum, with draft ready by April 2019 for feedback, final ready by Jan 2020
 - feedback from WG workshops, key concepts need to have all “hooks” for RE within these. April will see extensive consultation-important that **if SACRE members feel anything still missing to feed this back via consultant to WASACRE**
 - **SACREs to check if schools receive minutes of SACRE meetings**
 - variety of curriculum approaches across each consortia discussed, with concerns about different amount of time and support for school staff, where does new GCSE sit with new curriculum in a 3-16 continuum?
 - professional support for all SACREs- not consistent
 - feedback from each SACRE discussed
 - newsletter will be ready in New Year
 - “Prevent” issue discussed and it was agreed that it goes beyond RE, but does need to be included in “What is essential in RE?”

- Both CIW and Catholic Church are producing new syllabi-there will be a need to link new RE curriculum to requirements of Catholic Church, and CIW -committed to an integrated approach.
- **SACREs to inform schools that they should continue to follow agreed syllabus**

5. Membership of WASACRE- Edward Evans

- There was vacancy as GV no longer a member of any SACRE, therefore could not continue. GV to continue as minutes secretary. Current arrangements in respect of chair to continue for this coming year. GV explained her situation to members present.
- Collective worship discussed

6. WJEC presentation Andrew Pearce-*slides to follow*

Main issues

- Denomination schools- better entries and in general outcomes, at both GSCE and A level

7. CoRE report-Rudi Lockhart-*see separate agenda item*

NB RL stressed that there was no intention to replace locally agreed syllabi

8. WASACRE conference-this planned now for autumn 2019

9. Estyn thematic review-LJ (NAPfRE) to draft response¹⁰ References to SMSC in inspection-LJ to draft response to this also-*see separate agenda item*