



MINUTES OF MEETING

SACRE MEETING

TUESDAY, 1ST FEBRUARY, 2022

PRESENT: Councillors: E Galsworthy (Chair)
Rev. M Prevett (Vice-Chair)

Councillors: D Hughes and I Thomas

Professional Associations:

L McCarthy and J Jones

Faith Communities:

D O'Keefe

Officers:

A Lewis (MTCBC – Schools Department)

A May (MTCBC - Head of Achievement and Wellbeing)

D Graves (Consultant for Merthyr SACRE)

M Edmunds (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
623	Apologies for absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Michelle Jones, Ann Star, Sian Bernard Henderson and Andy Chub, the newly appointed Humanist representative.
624	Declaration of Interest	No declarations of interest were received.
625	Membership	A Lewis updated the Committee on the Local Authority's position with regard to a request from Humanism UK for a member to join the group. He advised following a change in the Law, the Constitution would need to be amended to reflect that those who represent non-religious philosophical convictions be added to the Group A Membership, that this be formally noted within these minutes and that it is recorded in the next

		<p>annual report in the Autumn, but noted that the membership can be altered with immediate effect and an invitation be extended to Humanism UK. A Lewis advised an individual had been identified and invited, but unfortunately was not available to attend today's meeting.</p> <p>A Lewis introduced Andrea May, Head of Achievement and Wellbeing, who has joined the meeting today as an observer, and who will be his replacement as the Local Authority representative from the next meeting. The Chair welcomed Andrea to the Committee.</p>
626	Minutes of Previous Meeting - 9th November 2021	The Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 th November 2021 were accepted as a true record.
627	WASACRE	<p>D Graves advised that an email from the Secretary had been received about the Executive Membership, asking whether anyone wished to nominate someone from the current SACRE or another SACRE and to consider voting for membership on the Executive Committee.</p> <p>The email was shared on screen for Committee's information.</p> <p>The Chair asked for anyone interested to make contact with D Graves by Friday, 8th April 2022.</p>
628	Curriculum	<p>The Chair invited D Graves to provide Committee with an update.</p> <p>D Graves advised the publication went live on the Hwb on 10th January 2022 and provided Members with detailed information of the changes/updates and where to access the information.</p> <p>D Graves wished to reassure practitioners that although there had been a slight delay, the Local Authority is committed and working hard to send out the invitations for the Agreed Syllabus Conference.</p>
629	Agreed Syllabus Conference	<p>D Graves advised that although there had been a delay in the first meeting taking place, this is moving forward after discussion with the legal team and work is being undertaken.</p> <p>The main aim of the ASC is to put forward an agreed syllabus to be recommended to the Local Authority for adoption.</p> <p>A Lewis provided further information and background on the Agreed Syllabus Conference and advised that the date of 28th February 2022 was being looked at for the first ASC meeting.</p> <p>A Lewis requested that Members hold the date of Monday, 28th February 2022 for the Agreed Syllabus Conference.</p>

		Clarity sought over cover for teachers attending the ASC. D Graves advised these meetings would be held after school hours.
630	Qualifications	D Graves shared information on screen and provided detailed information to Committee providing advance information for WJEC Religious Studies Unit 1 and Entries for KS4 and KS5 at CSC Schools.
631	Dates for Future Meetings	Members agreed that the dates of the next meetings will be: Tuesday, 21 st June 2022 at 3.45 p.m. Tuesday, 13 th September 2022 at 3.45 p.m. To be held remotely via Microsoft Teams.
632	Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair	No other business was deemed urgent by the Chair.