MINUTES OF THE AUTUMN TERM MEETING OF THE STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE) HELD ON 11 OCTOBER 2016 AT GURDWARA SINGH SABA LONDON EAST

(10:00 am – 11:45 am)

Present: Ms R K Sahota (Chair)
Councillor S Ashraf
Mr P Fing
Mrs J Hoepelman
Ms S Khan
Mrs B Stanley-Hunt

Also present: Ms S Pradhan, Head of RE, Eastbury Community School (Borough Consultant for RE)
Ms O Brown, Interim Principal Primary Adviser (Director's Representative)
Miss J Day, (Minute Clerk)
Mr J Lester (Observer, Baha’i faith)

MINUTES – PART 1

619 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted as follows:

Dr Beheshti
Mr M Goodyear

The following member was absent and apologies had not been received:

Mr J Sowerby

Members noted that Mr Sowerby had not attended meetings for some time, and they felt it was important for teachers’ professional associations to be represented. It was agreed that he should be written to ask if he wished to continue. Ms Khan also agreed to ask the local NUT to nominate a representative at their November meeting.

Action: O Brown to draft letter to J Sowerby; S Khan to contact NUT branch

620 ELECTION OF CHAIR

Members noted that Reverend Y Gooljary, the previous Chair, had resigned from SACRE to take up a new position in Scotland.

Ms R K Sahota was elected as Chair for 2016/17.
MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 June 2016 were confirmed as a true record.

Arising therefrom the members:

621.1 SACRE Minutes (Minute no. 610.1 refers)
asked if minutes of SACRE meetings had been circulated to RE co-ordinators and were informed that Jo Atkinson would be asked to circulate them to the distribution list. The minutes will also be published on the council website.

Action: O Brown/J Atkinson

621.2 Membership of SACRE (Minute no. 610.2 refers)
a) noted that a teacher had declined the invitation to serve as a Jewish Representative, and it had not been possible to find contact details for the rabbi in Redbridge. Mr Lester agreed to send contact details of the Havering SACRE Jewish Representative to Ms Brown so that other potential representatives could be approached.

b) asked for the Cabinet Member for Education to be advised of the current LA Representative vacancies and asked to appoint new representatives.

Action: J Day

c) were informed that there was still a vacancy for a Secondary Headteacher Representative. Ms Pradhan agreed to ask Mr D Dickson, current Chair of the Secondary Headteachers’ Association, to help to fill this post.

Action: S Pradhan

d) agreed that the latest census information should be checked to identify any other faith groups which should be represented on SACRE, e.g. Buddhism, African community churches, etc. They noted that Havering SACRE had recently broadened its membership to include Salvation Army and Pentecostal Church representation.

Action: O Brown

e) noted that there were vacancies for Church of England representatives due to recent resignations. It was suggested that the Bishop of Barking be approached.

621.3 Assessment (Minute no. 611.11 refers)
were informed that Ms Pradhan had produced a document on assessment after levels which would be presented to a meeting of RE co-ordinators shortly. It was agreed that this document should be considered when the Agreed Syllabus is reviewed in 2017.

Action: Agenda item at next meeting

621.4 Sex and Relationships Education/PSHE (Minute no. 612.7 refers)
asked if the guidance document for schools had been produced, and were informed that the advisory teacher for PSHE had left before it could be completed. Ms Brown agreed to ask the new advisory teacher to follow this up.
when they were appointed.

621.5 **Srebrenica Memorial Day** (Minute no. 613.3 refers)

were informed that details of the Srebrenica genocide memorial day had been circulated as requested.

621.6 **RE Reports** (Minute no. 615.3 refers)

were informed that Ms Brown would continue to follow up their request for schools’ annual RE reports which are presented to governing bodies.

**Action:** O Brown

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622 **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Members reviewed the Terms of Reference as set out in the annual report, and it was agreed that no changes were necessary.

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623 **SACRE DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Ms Pradhan presented the SACRE development plan for 2016 – 2019. Members were pleased to note that so many actions were already rated as “green”. Actions which were still in progress or incomplete were rated orange or red.

The members:

623.1 were informed that the development plan will be included in the SACRE annual report.

623.2 noted that Ms Pradhan and Ms Brown will discuss how to build capacity for supporting schools. Ms Pradhan has only 20 days per year for the RE consultant role, which is not enough to fulfil all of the requests, e.g. for delivering twilight sessions for schools. A working party of RE teachers may be able to lead on some projects such as developing a youth SACRE.

623.3 agreed that the attendance of SACRE members should be monitored by keeping meeting registers.

623.4 asked how a model SMSC programme might be developed for the updated Agreed Syllabus. The development plan proposed a survey or monitoring of SMSC provision in schools. It was suggested that schools could invite SACRE members to observe lessons or assemblies, or RE leads could be invited to give presentations at future SACRE meetings.

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624 **ARRANGEMENTS FOR SACRE ANNUAL REPORT**

Members were informed that the draft report had been produced and this would be updated when the final GCSE and A Level data for 2016 was available. The draft report included contributions from schools as evidence to support the progress of the development plan, and members agreed that comments from students should also be added.

The final draft of the report will be circulated for members’ comments as soon as possible.

**Action:** S Pradhan
REMEMBERING THE HOLOCAUST AND SREBRENICA

It was agreed that Shaheena Khan's presentation should be postponed until the next meeting because internet access was required.

Action: Agenda item, Spring Term meeting

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

International Prayer for Peace

Members were informed that the week of prayer for all faiths was due to be held the following week, with 23 October designated the National Day of Prayer.

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Members agreed to hold future meetings as follows:

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Ms Brown agreed to contact the headteachers of Thomas Arnold Primary School and All Saints Catholic School to ask if they could host these meetings and if their RE co-ordinators could give short presentations to SACRE members.

Action: O Brown

GURDWARA VISIT

At the end of the meeting Ms Sahota showed members around the Gurdwara building, including the meeting rooms and the langar hall. Members expressed their thanks for the hospitality received during their visit.