

NOTICE OF MEETING

PORTSMOUTH STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH 2008

TIME: 4:00PM (REFRESHMENTS & TOUR OF SCHOOL PRIOR TO 4:30PM MEETING)

VENUE: KING RICHARD SCHOOL, ALLAWAY AVENUE, PAULSGROVE, PORTSMOUTH, PO6 4GP

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(NB This Agenda should be retained for future reference with the Minutes of this meeting.)

<u>A G E N D A</u>

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Election of SACRE Vice Chair

As a result of the resignation of Ted Parker from the Portsmouth SACRE, there is now a vacancy for the position of Vice Chair. Nominations are requested and voting will follow in accordance with the voting procedure as follows: each representative group A, B, C and D shall be entitled to one vote. No other persons shall be entitled to vote. (Note – this item was on the agenda at the last meeting but could not be dealt with as the meeting was not quorate.)

5 mins 2 Minutes – 14 November 2007

... attached

20mins 3 Matters Arising

10 4 SACRE Annual Report

mins

Report attached

RECOMMENDED that the Annual SACRE Report be noted.

10 5 SACRE Budget

mins

The SACRE 2007/08 budget currently stands at £4500. There are however a number of outstanding costs that require payment before the end of April. This includes production and distribution of the SACRE directory for 2008/09 and membership of NASACRE and other organizations such as AREIAC. This will leave a surplus of approximately £3000 that will need to be allocated before the end of March. The SACRE budget for 2008/09 will need to take account of the costs of revising the Agreed Syllabus.

RECOMMENDED that SACRE note the current budget

10 6 SACRE ACTION PLAN

mins

The Action Plan identifies the following five areas for development in 2008/09:

- 1. Improving resources to support teaching and learning;
- 2. Visiting schools and colleges to observe teaching and learning;
- 3. Consulting with adults and young people;
- 4. Investigating ways of obtaining funding from faith groups and organisations that support teaching about different religious traditions and perspectives on different beliefs.
- 5. Ensuring schools and teachers have access to professional support.

The recommendation from NASACRE is that one area within the action plan should be a major focus for development in any given year.

RECOMMENDED that SACRE support improving resources to support teaching and learning as a major focus for support in 2008/09.

10 7 RE Resources for Portsmouth Schools

mins

Report attached

RECOMMENDED that the proposals set out in the attached report be adopted.

10 8 NASACRE Conference

mins

Mike Johns attended the meeting on behalf of Portsmouth SACRE. Interfusion also attended the conference and ran a stall and workshop presentation for conference delegates.

The main focus of the conference was:

- ... Jim Knight's Speech Copy Attached.
 - A group discussion of issues relating to Community Cohesion and SACRE's
 - The secondary curriculum RE rollout
 - Community Cohesion and SACRE's the Bradford experience
 - Workshops Community Cohesion in Practice.

NACRE also highlighted its continued support for Young Inter Faith forum projects through the Westhill Trust - A copy is attached. Information about the conference and other events can be accessed at <u>http://www.nasacre.org.uk/</u>

10mins 9 Interfusion

... Report attached

5 mins 10 Any Other Business

11 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 4:30pm on **Wednesday**, **18 June 2008 (faith venue to be decided)**.