

NOTES OF AN INQUORATE MEETING OF THE STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 14 July 2004

Group A: Christian Denominations and other Faiths represented in Haringey:

Mr B. Haylock (Salvation Army FCFC), Ms S. Berkery-Smith (Diocese of Westminster (RC)), Mr M. Usamah (Muslim Educational Trust), Mrs A. Kennard (Board of Deputies of British Jews), *Mr M. Ibrahim (Muslim Educational Trust), Ms O. Thoma (Greek Orthodox), Ms B. Parsons (Spiritual Assembly of the Bahai's), Dharmachari Kulamitra (North London Buddhist Centre) *Mr K. Ranganathan (Hindu (Shiva) Temple Trust), Miss A. Campbell (United Reformed Church) and Rev. R. Allaway (Baptist Churches).

Group B: Church of England:

*Mr E. Griffith, Mrs J. Jamieson, Mr J. Seabrook and Mr A Johnston.

Group C: Professional Associations:

Ms N. Parmar (NUT), Mr C. Cahill (SHA), Mr N. Bradley (HTA) Ms J. Arrowsmith (NUT) and two vacancies

Group D: Local Education Authority Group:

Councillor Fabian, Councillor *Haley, Rabbi J. Baaden, Rev B. Oakley and one vacancy

Co-opted Non-Voting Member:

Mr N. Bacrac (British Humanist Association)

*Members present

Also Present: *Denise Chaplin (R.E. Consultant), *Su Shaw (LEA Inclusion Strategy Manager), *Jenny Stonhold (LEA School Improvement Officer), *Julie Harris (Acting Clerk to SACRE)

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

This could not take place as the meeting was inquorate.

There was a discussion about the possibility of appointing a Chair for each of the Groups A – D above.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Jeanette Jamieson, Rev Oakley, Cllr Fabian and Bob Allaway.

3. **MINUTES:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 May 2004 could not be signed as the meeting was inquorate and a Chair could not be appointed.

4. **HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY**

Feedback was given to members and it was reported that the day was very successful. It was suggested that a visit be arranged for 6th Formers, possibly to include an overnight stay, as the venue is close to Sherwood Forest.

Members present were advised of a new Interactive CD-Rom about the Holocaust which was available at £125 +VAT, including site licence. It was suggested that this be publicised in the EMA bulletin. A discussion followed on the sensitivities of speaking to pupils about the Holocaust and the importance of Religious Education in covering contemporary issues of the past, present and future.

5. **RE AND SCHOOL EFFECTIVENESS PROJECT**

A handout was provided to members outlining the dissemination of religious education and communities project. An update was given about the visit to the Mosque and Greek Orthodox Church in Wightman Road on 16 June 2004. The website had been updated at www.haringeylearning.net/teachers - go into Teachers, Key Stage 2, RE.

The success of the project was noted and members expressed thanks to Jenny Stonhold.

6. **2004 REPORT : ICT IN SCHOOLS – THE IMPACT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S INITIATIVE**

Deferred to the next meeting.

7. **SACRE DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2004-5**

Deferred to the next meeting. Members were asked to consider the plan and contact Denise Chaplin with any feedback – denise.chaplin@btinternet.com.

The importance of being quorate at the next meeting on 9th September was stressed in order to agree the priorities and actions for 2004/05.

The possibility of a fun/social event was discussed to raise awareness of SACRE.

8. **OFSTED REPORTS SUMMARY OF ISSUES**

Deferred to the next meeting. The Inspection Reports of South Haringay Infants School, Mulberry Primary School, Bounds Green Junior School and Devonshire Hill Primary School would be attached with the notes of this meeting, for members consideration.

9. HARINGEY SACRE NEWSLETTER

Noted the Teaching Christianity Course on 9th July and the forthcoming Collective Worship course on 22nd September.

There was a discussion about the cessation of independent SACRE inspections but noted that HMI would be doing flying visits on subject investigations. Questions and guidance would be available soon on the OFSTED Website to assist preparation for self-evaluation.

10. HMI CONFERENCE FOR RE LEADERS

Naina Parmar was unable to attend this as she was unwell.

11. FAITHS CD- ROM

Members were advised that this has now been despatched to schools. The first CD covered Islam, Sikhism and Hinduism. The second CD has 3 separate discs; for Buddhism, Christianity and Judaism and more active learning ability.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Environment Scrutiny Panel is to conduct a review of the Borough's Cemeteries and Crematorium. The Panel intends to seek the views of ethnic minority and different faith groups regarding their needs around burials. It is intended that views would be sought in September but anyone is welcome to contribute in advance with any issues of concern. Please email: carolyn.banks@haringey.gov.uk - direct line 020 8 489 2965.

The meeting finished at 8pm.

**MEMBERS ARE ASKED PLEASE TO NOTE
THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

9th September 2004 – 7.30pm, Civic Centre

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September 2004
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