

Minutes of the SACRE - Agreed Syllabus Conference Meeting held on 9 February 2015

Present:

Diana Cutler	Muhammad Parekh
Susan Devereux	Bill Walley
Terry Finn	David Williams
Ann Hewetson	Rosemary Woodward
Rev. Preb. M. Metcalf	Caroline Wood
Dr Laow Panyasiri	

Also in attendance: Mary Gale, Helen Phillips and Emma Jardine

Apologies: Sonia Andjelkovic, Sue Blackmore, Peter Davies, Mick Dwyer, Hifsa Haroon-Iqbal, Colin Hopkins and Sam Kirwan

PART ONE

1. Minutes

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Agreed Syllabus Conference held on 12 November 2015 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2. ASC Option Choices

Although it had been proposed that a SACRE working group be established to consider the Agreed Syllabus review, this had not been necessary as a meeting between the SACRE Chairman, Emma Jardine (Education Consultant), Trudy Pyatt (Senior Commissioning Lead for School Improvement) and Matt Prisk (Relationship Manager, Education and Wellbeing, Commissioning Delivery Hub) on 27 October 2014 had moved the issue forward. At this meeting the possibility of commissioning days from Entrust to complete the Agreed Syllabus review had been agreed in principle, with a request for a “gold, silver and bronze” style set of options, including costings, to be produced by Emma and forwarded to officers for discussion and consideration by the Cabinet Member.

Members received a paper that was sent to Matt Prisk on 12 December setting out the three options as requested.

There had been no response to the paper as yet. Unfortunately Matt Prisk had now left the Authority and the Chairman agreed to contact Trudy Pyatt to establish whether any progress had been made in addressing this issue.

Members felt that Option A was their preferred option. They expressed concern that there remained no resolution to how this would be funded or to the thoroughness of review possible. They were particularly concerned at the difficulties this may be creating for teachers in their preparation and planning. They requested that schools be informed

as soon as a decision had been made on the level of review and the likely timescales involved.

RESOLVED - That: a) the Chairman contact Trudy Pyatt, Senior Commissioning Lead for School Improvement, to establish what progress has been made to address this issue; and,
b) as soon as the level and timescale of the review has been established schools be informed.

Chairman

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