



CAERPHILLY STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE) – 6TH JUNE 2007

SUBJECT: TO INFORM THE SACRE OF THE DISCUSSIONS AND DELIBERATIONS OF WASACRE FOLLOWING MEETING HELD ON 23RD MARCH 2007 AT HAVERFORDWEST

1. MATTERS ARISING

- 1.1 SACREs were reminded of the need to send teachers, LEA representatives and faith representatives to WASACRE meetings.

2. DELLS - EXEMPLAR FRAMEWORK FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- 2.1 Denize Morris from DELLS gave a presentation outlining the background to the DELLS Exemplar Framework for RE. She emphasised how a national approach could raise standards in RE through:
- teachers, pupils and parents gaining a clear understanding of the nature of the subject;
 - the development of exemplification and resources; and
 - the promotion and monitoring of a national assessment structure.
- 2.2 It was noted that the developments in the Exemplar Framework for RE are in line with the aims of the school curriculum review which focuses on motivating and engaging learners, making subjects relevant to the twenty-first century, developing a skills based approach and ensuring continuity, progression and effective transition.
- 2.3 Denize Morris explained that the Framework included legal information, guidance on spiritual and moral, guidance on the Foundation Phase, programmes of study for KS2 and KS3, National Exemplar Level Descriptions and a programme of study for KS4 and Post 16. Members then had the opportunity to discuss the framework in groups and to respond to the consultation questionnaire. A composite response will be drafted by members of the WASACRE executive group.

3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

3.1 Amendments to constitution

It was noted that amendments have been suggested to the constitution. They will be voted on at the AGM in June.

3.2 Post 16 Issues

It was noted that the Education and Inspection Act 2006 extending the right to withdraw from collective worship to sixth form pupils over compulsory school age in maintained schools does apply to Wales. However, it was noted that it is not clear when this act will come to force. Clarification has been sought from WAG.

3.3 Special Conference reports

SACREs were reminded to send in their responses to the WASACRE special conference report.

3.4 Meeting with the Minister

The date for the annual meeting with the minister will be set after the elections.

4. NAPFRE PRESENTATION

- 4.1 Leslie Francis gave a presentation on learning style preferences. The range of preferences outlined included introvert and extravert learners, sensing or intuitive learners and the differences in character in the process of thinking or feeling. Details were provided on the way that our preferred learning style influences the way that we learn. WASACRE members had the opportunity to respond to a questionnaire on learning styles and the results will be shared in a future WASACRE meeting.

5. AOB

- 5.1 Feedback was presented from the RE Council for England and Wales meeting. It was noted that they had discussed a draft document on teacher training as well as the non-statutory Framework for England.

6. DATES OF NEXT MEETING:

- June 28th at Llandrindod Wells (Powys)
- December 4th at Ebbw Vale (Blaenau Gwent)

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Appendices:

Appendix 1: Draft copy of the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd March 2007