

Agenda Item 7

Notes from Wokingham RE Network 9.2.17

13 present plus Alison Harris to lead and Stephen Vegh as guest speaker.

Started with National updates: distributed copies of the research in Primary Schools letter to do with English and Welsh primaries and the seminar event pm 30th March. Ran through NASACRE and RE Council newsletter and flagged up relevant items.

Also looked at the Commission on RE Call for Evidence and gave out copies of the questions for discussion. No agreed answers from the group but a lively discussion was had on tables about the aims and purposes and whether there should be changes to the legal framework. Encouraged the teachers to complete it online and have their say.

We discussed the update to Crossing the Bridges and success of Catherine in finding places of worship for the directory. Discussed the upcoming places of worship trip.

SV then arrived and showed some Power Points from his lesson plans with photos for discussion. The Primary teachers really enjoyed this and hearing that their Year 6s are entering Waingels with good knowledge which SV and his team can build on.

We then discussed SACRE and had a question and answer session on its role, what the teachers want from it and their situations on schools with budgets, resourcing etc. Resourcing of artefacts was seen to be an issue and schools are unsure whether or not they can access the Bracknell Forest resources.

SV to raise at SACRE and possibly take to hub meeting as impacts on more than one area.

SV also requested that teachers may like to come to SACRE to share good practice with the SACRE members. We both said how the faith representatives who have no education background, loved seeing and hearing what children are capable of when we did our presentations at the hub conference.

We discussed the similarities in teaching and learning practice in KS3 and Primary and coupled with the resource issue, the group requested AH to bring resources to next meeting for subject knowledge and demonstrating ideas on how they could be used as a stimulus for discussion, and SV will also attend and share some of his t&l ideas.

SV then left.

AH then showed the group the new format of Discovery RE and the owls which the teachers loved! They were also very happy with the new assessment and the colour coding. Some raised concerns that it will be a massive document and would like hard copy as well as the email link as school budgets for printing in colour are virtually non-existent. Said I would feed that back. Also loved the teacher notes to support less confident teachers. They think it has now covered everything they would want!

Meeting finished at 5.35pm Thank you to St Peter's for hosting and the tea and coffee and biscuits!

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