

Cross Party Group on Faith meeting

God in the Classroom

Held on Wednesday 10 February 2016 from 12.00-13.15

In the Media Briefing Room, The Senedd

Present:

1. Carys Moseley, Swyddog Cyswllt Eglwys a Chymdeithas, Eglwys Bresbyteraidd Cymru
2. Chris Abbas, Baha'i representative on Interfaith Council of Wales
3. Claire Rowlands, Deputy Director Curriculum Division, Welsh Government
4. Darren Millar AM (chair)
5. Elfed Godding, National Director, Evangelical Alliance Wales
6. Fr. Bernard Sixtus, Director of RE (Schools), Catholic Archdiocese of Cardiff
7. Gethin Rhys, Swyddog Polisi, Cytun
8. Glyn Tudwal Jones, Minister, Eglwys Bresbyteraidd Cymru
9. Huda Pearn, Leader, Ihsan Academy School
10. Huw Stephens, Baptist minister, Baptist Union of Wales
11. Ian Govier, Regional Leader, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
12. Jim Stewart, Public Affairs and Advocacy Officer, Evangelical Alliance Wales (secretary)
13. John Pugsley, Head of Curriculum Support Branch, Welsh Government
14. Julie Jones, Public Affairs Officer, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
15. Manon Jones, Head of Areas of Learning & Experience, Design & Development – Humanities, Languages, Literacy & Communication, Welsh Government
16. Matt Lewis, Schools Development Worker, Scripture Union
17. Matt Parsons, leader of Connections Church
18. Naeela Minhas, Deputy Headteacher, Cardiff Muslim Primary School
19. Patricia AlBayari, School secretary, Ihsan Academy School
20. Paul Francis, leader of Glenwood Church
21. Paul Morgan, Vice President, Religious Education Movement (Wales)
22. Paul Soltis, Research Assistant for David Melding AM
23. Peter Noble, Chaplain in Cardiff Bay
24. Philip Lord, Chair of WASACRE and Challenge Adviser
25. Philip Manghan, Adviser for Wales, Catholic Education Service
26. Rachel Nelmes, Children, Youth and Families Adviser, Diocese of Monmouth, Church in Wales
27. Russell George AM
28. Samsunear Ali, Trustee, Cardiff Muslim Primary School
29. Simon Cameron, Schools Officer, Diocese of St. Asaph, Church in Wales
30. Simon Plant, Associate, Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service
31. Stanley Soffa, Chair of South Wales Jewish Representative Council
32. Steven Harris, National Training Director, OAC Ministries
33. Vaughan Salisbury, Education Officer, Presbyterian Church of Wales

Apologies:

1. Kirsty Williams AM
2. Simon Thomas AM

Minutes:

1. Darren Millar AM welcomed everyone and noted apologies
2. Darren introduced the three representatives from Welsh Government, John Pugsley, Manon Jones and Claire Rowlands.
3. Manon gave a brief overview of the Welsh Government timeline for taking forward the recommendations made by Professor Donaldson in *Successful Futures*, the independent Welsh Government-commissioned report reviewing Curriculum and Assessment Arrangements in Wales from Foundation Phase to Key Stage 4.

Manon will be facilitating the design and development of the Humanities Area of Learning and Experience, in which Religious Education will reside.

4. Darren chaired a time of discussion in which a broad range of issues relating to Religious Education were raised from attendees and answered by the Welsh Government representatives.
5. Darren closed the meeting

Action:

Jim Stewart to circulate to attendees a link listing the 106 Pioneer Schools appointed by Welsh Government to focus on curriculum design and development.

