



Cyfarfod Cymdeithas CYSAGau Cymru, Siambr y Cyngor Sir
Caerfyrddin, Sir Gaerfyrddin, 18 Tachwedd 2016 (10.30am – 3pm)

Wales Association of SACREs meeting, Carmarthenshire Council
Chamber, Carmarthen, 18 November 2016 (10.30am – 3pm)

Yn bresennol

<p>Ynys Môn / Anglesey Bethan James Rheinallt A. Thomas</p> <p>Blaenau Gwent Gill Vaisey</p> <p>Pen-y-bontar Ogwr / Bridgend Edward Evans Vicky Thomas</p> <p>Caerffili/ Caerphilly Vicky Thomas John Taylor Enfys Hawthorn Janet Jones</p> <p>Caerdydd / Cardiff Gill Vaisey Janet Jones</p> <p>Sir Gaerfyrddin / Carmarthenshire Cyng Emlyn Dole Cyng Gwyneth Thomas Cyng Jean Lewis Helen Gibbon Meinir Loader Jane Thomas Christine Rees Mary Parry</p> <p>Ceredigion Alwen Roberts</p> <p>Conwy Phil Lord Nicholas Richter</p>	<p>Sir Ddinbych / Denbighshire Phil Lord</p> <p>Sir y Fflint / Flintshire Phil Lord</p> <p>Gwynedd Bethan James</p> <p>Merthyr Tudful / Merthyr Tydfil Vicky Thomas</p> <p>Sir Fynwy / Monmouthshire Gill Vaisey</p> <p>Castell-nedd Port Talbot / Neath and Port Talbot</p> <p>Casnewydd / Newport Vicky Thomas Huw Stephens</p> <p>Sir Benfro / Pembrokeshire Mary Parry</p>	<p>Powys John Mitson Margaret Evitts</p> <p>Rhondda Cynon Taf Paula Webber Mathew Maidment</p> <p>Abertawe / Swansea Vicky Thomas Brinley Jones Alison Lewis</p> <p>Torfaen / Torfaen Vicky Thomas Daniel Foster</p> <p>Bro Morgannwg / Vale of Glamorgan Paula Webber Dafydd Treharne</p> <p>Wrecsam / Wrexham Samantha Jesson Ruth Holden</p> <p>Sylwedyddion / Observers Emlyn Dole (Cyngor Sir Gâr) Tudor Thomas (Mudiad Addysg Grefyddol Cymru (MAGC)) Kathy Riddick (Dyneiddwyr Cymru) Vaughan Salisbury (CYSAG Ceredigion) Jean Lewis (Cyngor Sir Gâr CYSAG CAERFYRDDIN) Gwyneth Thomas (Cyngor Sir Gâr CYSAG CAERFYRDDIN)</p>
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Cofnodion / Minutes

1. Cyflwyniad a Chroeso

Croesawyd yr aelodau i Sir Gaerfyrddin gan Gadeirydd CCYSAGauC, Phil Lord. Croesawodd Arweinydd y Cyngor, Emlyn Dole, CCYSAGauC i Siambr y Cyngor. Mwynhawyd perfformiad gan gôr Ysgol Gynradd Llangennech. Dywedodd Emlyn Dole ei fod yn gefnogol i GYSAGau ac yn sylweddoli pwysigrwydd CCYSAGauC ac Addysg Grefyddol yng Nghymru mewn amser o newid addysgol. Dywedodd fod Sir Gaerfyrddin yn cymryd AG o ddifrif ac yn sicrhau addysg holistig, oedd â'r nod o ddatblygu empathi, goddefgarwch a pharch. Gan hynny mae'n cyflogi Ymgynghorydd Her i ddarparu hyfforddiant a chymorth ymarferol i weithredu AG yn effeithiol.

2. Myfyrdod Tawel

Arweiniodd PL yr aelodau mewn myfyrdod, a gofyn iddynt ystyried yr angen i weithio tuag at undod mewn cymunedau. Mae AG mewn sefyllfa i atgoffa pobl am y cyfrifoldeb hwn.

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3. Ymddiheuriadau

Libby Jones, Jen Malcom, Tania ap Sion, Leslie Francis, Ernie Galsworthy, Sally Northcott

4. Cyflwyniad PYCAG

Rhoddodd Dr Llinos Jones, Pennaeth, Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Myrddin gyflwyniad ar addoli ar y cyd yn yr ysgol uwchradd. Mae gwasanaethau'n cael eu trefnu fel bod pob disgybl yn cael cyfle i gymryd rhan a chyflwyno gweithred ddyddiol o addoli ar y cyd. Maent yn rhannu syniadau ac yn dathlu llwyddiant yn ogystal â myfyrio. Yn ystod y cwestiynau, diolchwyd i'r Pennaeth gan aelod o CCYSAGauC a fu'n dysgu yn yr ysgol. Diolchodd PL ar ran CCYSAGauC a dywedodd nad oes gan ysgolion uwchradd newydd ddigon o ofod cymunedol ac y byddai'n anodd felly datblygu ymdeimlad o gymuned drwy ddod â'r holl ddisgyblion mewn ysgol at ei gilydd.

Cafwyd sylwadau a oedd yn sôn am y cyfraniad cadarnhaol y gall Addoli ar y Cyd ei wneud i brofiad disgybl mewn ysgol uwchradd a'r arfer da y gellid ei rannu o'r cyflwyniad a roddwyd gan Ysgol Bro Myrddin.

5. Cofnodion y cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd yn Y Rhyl, 23 Mehefin 2016

Derbyniwyd y cofnodion fel adroddiad cywir o'r cyfarfod. Cynigiwyd gan Huw Stephens ac eiliwyd gan Edward Evans.

6. Materion yn Codi.

Dywedodd VT fod y TGAU newydd wedi cael ei gymeradwyo a'i fod ar wefan CBAC. Dywedodd wrth CCYSAGauC fod pryderon wedi'u codi mewn CYSAGau

1. Introduction and welcome

Chair of WASACRE, Phil Lord, welcomed members to Carmarthenshire. The Leader of the Council, Emlyn Dole, welcomed WASACRE to the Council Chamber. Members enjoyed the performance of the choir from Ysgol Gynradd Llangennech. Emlyn Dole shared his support for SACREs and recognised the importance of WASACRE and of RE in Wales in a climate of educational change. He acknowledged that Carmarthenshire takes RE seriously and ensures a holistic education, which aims to develop empathy, tolerance and respect. As such it employs a Challenge Advisor to provide training and practical help to implement effective RE.

2. Quiet reflection

PL led a reflection, asking members to consider the need to work towards unity within communities. RE is in a position to remind people of this responsibility.

3. Apologies

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4. NAPfRE presentation

Dr. Llinos Jones, Headteacher, Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Myrddin presented on collective worship in the secondary school. Assemblies are organised so that all pupils have the opportunity to participate in and deliver a daily act of collective worship. They share ideas and celebrate success as well as reflect. During questions the Headteacher was thanked by a WASACRE member who had previously been a teacher at the school. PL expressed WASACRE's thanks and reflected that newly built secondary schools have no communal space and would, therefore, find it difficult to develop a sense of community via bringing all pupils in a school together. Comments included the positive contribution collective worship could make to a pupil's experience in a secondary school and the good practice that could be shared from the presentation provided by Bro Myrddin.

5. Minutes of meeting held in Rhyl, 23 June 2016

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Huw Stephens and seconded by Edward Evans.

6. Matters Arising.

VT said the new GCSE had been approved and was on WJEC website. She informed WASACRE that concerns had been raised at SACREs that there were training

fod angen mwy o hyfforddiant gan fod cynnydd yn y cynnwys a mwy o bwyslais ar gysyniadau testunol. Yn ôl Dan Foster – Pennaeth oedd yn cynrychioli CYSAG Torfaen, mae costau hyfforddiant gan CBAC wedi codi'n sylweddol. Mae'n anodd ar ysgolion oherwydd y cyfyngiadau ariannol. Roedd Tudor Thomas yn cytuno ond dywedodd fod hyfforddiant ar gyfer y manylebau newydd am ddim. Gan fod cyllidebau ysgolion yn dynn, awgrymodd fod angen mynd at CBAC a dweud wrtho fod ganddo gyfrifoldeb dros ysgolion yng Nghymru yn arbennig gan mai dyma'r unig Fwrdd Arholi yng Nghymru. Mae CBAC yn cynnig un lle hyfforddiant am ddim i bob ysgol ar bedwar dyddiad yn ystod y flwyddyn academaidd hon.

GWEITHREDU: Cytunodd PL i ddod o hyd i'r ddolen i Syniadau AG ar wefan Peniarth. Mae copïau sy'n mynd yn ôl cyn belled â 2000 wedi cael eu rhoi ar gael gan MAGC. Dylai fod gan bob Clerc CYSAG gopi o'r rhestr o gyhoeddiadau Syniadau AG i'w rhannu â'r CYSAG.

T 4. Eitem 4. Anfonwyd y llythyr at Lynda a bu LJ yn cysylltu drwy e-bost â CBAC am y mater hwn. Ond, ni anfonwyd y llythyr at QW gan fod y Fanyleb yn cael ei hachredu yn ystod tymor yr Hydref.

T4. Eitem 5 Dyneiddwyr ar CYSAG – Gwahoddwyd Kathy Riddick o Ddyneiddwyr Cymru i fynychu cyfarfod Sir Gaerfyrddin yn dilyn llythyr a anfonwyd ganddi i CCYSAGauC yn tynnu sylw at hyn.

T5: Eitem 5 - Incerts: Hysbysodd GV yr aelodau fod LJ wedi gofyn am ddatganiad gan Lywodraeth Cymru y gallem ei ddefnyddio i ddweud wrth Incerts fod y disgrifiyddion lefel o fewn y meysydd llafur cytûn yn statudol. Fodd bynnag, nid oedd yr ateb gan Lywodraeth Cymru yn mynd i'r afael â'r cwestiwn gwreiddiol. Awgrymodd PYCAG y dylem fynd yn ôl at y ddeddfwriaeth wreiddiol sy'n datgan fod y Meysydd Llafur Cytûn yn statudol, ac felly bod y Lefelau oddi mewn iddynt yn statudol. Dywedodd Rheinallt Thomas fod swyddogion yn y Cynulliad yn ymwybodol fod gan bob CYSAG hawl i fabwysiadu'r Fframwaith Cenedlaethol, ond dim ond ar lefel leol gan GYSAGau unigol y gellir gwneud hyn yn lleol, nid yn genedlaethol. Dywedodd hefyd fod yn rhaid i Lywodraeth Cymru symud ymlaen yn ofalus os yw AG am gael ei osod yn y dyniaethau gan fod yn rhaid i AG gael ei benderfynu'n lleol. Cynigiodd GV fod CCYSAGauC yn gwneud ail gais i LIC am ddatganiad ar statws maes llafur cytûn. Bydd y swyddogion yn mynd ar drywydd hyn.

T6. Bagloriaeth Cymru - Cafwyd trafodaeth am ganlyniadau peidio â chyflwyno AG statudol, sydd yn broblem fwy eang nag yng Nghyfnod Allweddol 4 yn unig. Mae yna gyfrifoldeb lleol i sicrhau fod y Maes Llafur Cytûn yn cael ei weithredu. Nodwyd fod rhai Ysgolion Arloesi yn ansicr am statws y Maes Llafur Cytûn. Dywedwyd wrth CCYSAGauC fod hyn wedi cael ei drafod yng nghyfarfod PYCAG. Mae rhai CYSAGau

issues as there was an increase in content and more emphasis on textual concepts. Dan Foster – Head teacher representing Torfaen SACRE expressed concern that the cost of training by the WJEC has risen rapidly. Schools are finding this difficult because of financial constraints. Tudor Thomas agreed but said that training for new specifications was free. He said schools are on tight budgets and that representation is needed to WJEC suggesting that it carries a responsibility for schools in Wales in particular as it is the sole Examination Board in Wales. The WJEC are offering one free training place for all schools on four dates during this academic year.

ACTION: PL agreed to find the link to RE Ideas on the Peniarth website. Copies going back as far as 2000 have been made available by REMW. Every SACRE Clerk should have a copy of the list of RE Ideas publications to share with SACREs.

P 4. Item 4. The reply was sent to Lynda and LJ maintained email contact with WJEC regarding this issue. However, the letter to QW was not sent due to the Specification being accredited during the Autumn term.

P4. Item 5 Humanists on SACRE – Kathy Riddick from Wales Humanists has been invited to attend the Carmarthenshire meeting following a letter she sent to WASACRE highlighting this issue.

P5: Item 5 – Incerts: GV informed members that LJ had requested a statement from Welsh Government that we could use to inform Incerts that the level descriptions contained within agreed syllabuses are statutory. However, the response from Welsh Government did not address the original question. NAPfRE suggest we should go back to the original legislation which states that the Agreed Syllabuses are statutory and, therefore, the Levels within them are statutory. Rheinallt Thomas said officers in the Assembly are aware that it is the right of every SACRE to adopt the National Framework, but that this can only be done legally at a local level by individual SACREs, not at a national level. He also said Welsh Government must go forward carefully if RE is placed within humanities as RE has to be determined locally. GV proposed that WASACRE should make a second request to WG for a statement on the status of an agreed syllabus. This will be followed up by officers.

P6. Welsh Baccalaureate – A discussion was held on the consequences of not delivering statutory RE, which isn't just an issue at Key Stage 4. There is a local responsibility to ensure the Agreed Syllabus is being implemented. It was noted that some Pioneer Schools are confused as to the status of the Agreed Syllabus. WASACRE were told that this was discussed at the NAPfRE meeting. Some SACREs intend to write to

yn bwriadu ysgrifennu at ysgolion i'w hatgoffa am y rhwymedigaeth i ddilyn y Maes Llafur Cytûn. Teimlwyd y dylai neges gyson gael ei hanfon gan bob CYSAG yng Nghymru.

GWEITHREDU: Mae VT wedi ysgrifennu llythyr gan ei ChYSAG hi i ysgolion yn eu hatgoffa am eu gofynion statudol ac wedi cytuno i rannu hwn ag aelodau PYCAG fel y gallan nhw a'u CYSAGau ystyried a ddylent ysgrifennu rhywbeth tebyg at eu hysgolion.

Dywedodd GV mai dim ond 70 o ymatebion a gafwyd i'r Arolwg am Fagloriaeth Cymru a gofynnodd a fyddai CCYSAGauC yn mynd ar ôl hyn er mwyn cael darlun llawnach. Roedd CYSAG Sir Fynwy yn teimlo y byddai'n werth cael darlun ehangach o'r hyn sy'n digwydd ledled Cymru, gan fynegi pryderon am yr ysgolion nad oedd wedi ymateb i'r arolwg. Holodd Dan Foster a allai camddealltwriaeth o natur statudol maes llafur cytûn olygu y byddai'r Ysgolion Arloesi yn gweithredu'n anghyfreithlon. Byddai'r llythron gan GYSAGau yn helpu i'w hatgoffa am natur statudol y Maes Llafur Cytûn. Mae Swyddogion Awdurdod Lleol yn eistedd ar GYSAGau a nhw ddylai fod y cyswllt â'r ysgolion. Dywedodd un athro gynrychiolydd ei fod yn ymwybodol nad yw un ysgol yn ei ALI yn cydymffurfio â'r rhwymedigaeth statudol i AG oherwydd y Fagloriaeth. Gallai hwn fod yn llwybr llithrig ac mae angen i GYSAGau weithredu arno. Atgoffodd PL yr aelodau eu bod wedi cael eu cynghori gan Lywodraeth Cymru ynghylch y broses ar gyfer delio ag ysgolion nad ydynt yn cydymffurfio ac y dylai CYSAGau fod yn dilyn honno. Pryder Tudor Thomas oedd, oherwydd y newidiadau ym manylebau TGAU, fod y cynnwys wedi mynd yn drymach a bod hynny'n pryderu'r gymuned AG yng Nghymru gan mai dim ond AG arwynebol iawn y gall rhai ysgolion fod yn ei chynnig bellach.

Cytunwyd na fyddai CCYSAGauC yn ail-anfon yr arolwgi ysgolion ond y dylai pob CYSAG ddilyn hyn gyda'u hysgolion eu hunain ac adrodd yn ôl i CCYSAGauC. Awgrymodd MM y dylai CYSAGau geisio sicrhau fod yr arolwg yn mynd yn syth at y pennaeth adran ac nid at ysgrifenyddes yr ysgol neu'r pennaeth.

7. Cyflwyniad - Cefnogaeth i ysgolion i gyflwyno'r manylebau TGAU Astudiaethau Crefyddol newydd a rôl Ymarferwyr Arweiniol

Cyflwynwyd gan Tonia Antinarzi sydd ar secondiad i ERW fel Arweinydd Dysgu pynciau Di-Graidd. Cyfrifoldeb Tonia yw gweithio gydag ymarferwyr arweiniol i sefydlu rhwydweithiau a sefydlu cefnogaeth i'r pynciau di-graidd. Sefydlwyd ymarferwyr arweiniol i AG ym mhob un o'r rhanbarthau. Maen nhw'n gweithio i greu adnoddau i gefnogi gweithredu TGAU newydd

schools reminding them of the obligation to follow the Agreed Syllabus. It was felt that there should be a consistent message sent out by SACREs across Wales.

Action: VT has written letters from her SACREs to schools reminding them of their statutory requirements and has agreed to share this with NAPfRE members so that they and their SACREs can consider whether to they should write something similar to their schools.

GV raised the issue that only 70 responses were received to the Welsh Bacc Survey and asked whether WASACRE would follow this up to get a fuller picture. Monmouthshire SACRE felt it worthwhile to get broader picture of what is happening across Wales, expressing concern about schools that had not responded to the survey. Dan Foster asked whether a misunderstanding of the statutory nature of an agreed syllabus could mean that Pioneer Schools could be acting illegally. The letters from SACREs would help in reminding them of the statutory nature of the Agreed Syllabus. Local Authority Officers sit on SACRE and they should be the link to schools. A teacher representative said that he is aware that one school in his LA is not complying with its statutory obligation for RE because of the Welsh Baccalaureate. This could be a slippery slope and SACREs have to act on it. PL reminded members that they have been advised by Welsh Government of the process for dealing with schools that are not complying and that SACREs should be following that. Tudor Thomas raised concern that due to the changes in GCSE specifications, the content has become heavier and that is worrying for the RE community in Wales as schools may now only deliver token RE.

It was agreed that WASACRE would not re-send the survey to schools but that each SACRE should follow-up with their own schools and feedback to WASACRE. MM suggested that SACREs should try to ensure that the survey goes directly to heads of department and not the school secretary or the headteacher.

7. Presentation - Support for schools in delivering the new GCSE specification for Religious Studies and the role of Lead Practitioners

Presented by Tonia Antinarzi who is seconded to ERW as Leader of Learning of Non-Core subjects. Tonia's responsibility is to work with lead practitioners to establish networks and to establish support for the non core subjects. Lead practitioners for RE have set up in each of the regions. They are working to create resources to support the implementation of the new

CBAC ac yn dechrau rhannu gwybodaeth ac adnoddau drwy Hwb. Bydd yr adnoddau'n cael eu cyfieithu i'r Gymraeg ac yn cael Sicrhad Ansawdd. Mae'r ymarferwyr arweiniol yn awyddus i glywed gan athrawon dosbarth a hoffai weithio gyda'i gilydd i greu adnoddau. Roedd gan un cynrychiolydd CYSAG bryderon fod cynnwys trymach y fanyleb newydd yn golygu ei bod yn bosibl na fyddai'r graddau mor uwch os oes disgwyl iddynt gyflwyno TGAU Astudiaethau Crefyddol mewn un awr yr wythnos. Gofynnodd VT a oedd bwriad i rannu adnoddau yn ehangach i gonsortia eraill. Cadarnhawyd hyn gan Tonia a dywedodd fod cysylltiadau eisoes yn cael eu gwneud gydag EAS yng Nghasnewydd. Yn ôl Alison Lewis, roedd hi'n anodd cael ysgolion i ddefnyddio Hwb ond dywedodd fod yr adnoddau yno iddyn nhw. Dywedodd Tonia fod lansio'r Ymarferwyr Arweiniol yn digwydd ar 21 Hydref a'u bod eisoes wedi gwneud tipyn o gynnydd. Holodd aelod a gafodd y CYSGau ran yn y broses. Dywedodd Tonia eu bod, a bod ganddi ddi-ddordeb mewn clywed gan ysgolion sydd ag adrannau AG cryf, yn enwedig rhai cyfrwng Cymraeg. Bydd Tonia'n rhannu manylion yr ymarferwyr arweiniol dros AG gyda CYSGauC. Mae'r ymarferwyr arweiniol wedi ysgrifennu at bob un o'r ysgolion yn yr ardal i dynnu sylw at eu gwaith. Maen nhw'n cynnal arolwg i fapio cryfderau.

Dywedodd BJ fod ymarferwyr arweiniol yng Ngogledd Cymru wedi bod yn trefnu eu hunain a pharatoi adnoddau. Gofynnodd a oeddent o bosibl yn dyblu'r gwaith yng Nghymru ac a fyddent yn elwa ar weithio gyda chydweithwyr ar draws Cymru. Dywedodd Tonia mai rhan o'i gwaith hi fyddai cydlynu cysylltiadau â chonsortia eraill. Holodd un aelod pwy fyddai'n Sicrhau Ansawdd. Atebodd Tonia, er na allai CBAC gadarnhau'r gwaith, byddent yn gallu gwirio eu bod ar y trywydd iawn. Dywedodd y bydden nhw hefyd yn defnyddio athrawon yn yr ardal ynghyd â Mary Parry, yr Ymgynghorydd. Dylai popeth fod yn barod erbyn diwedd Mehefin. Bydd Tonia'n mynd ar ôl y rheiny nad ydynt yn cymryd rhan. Holodd MM pryd fyddai'r llyfrau TGAU ar gael. Dywedodd mai'r broblem oedd mai â thair crefydd yn unig yr oedd y llyfrau'n ymdrin, sef Cristnogaeth, Iddewiaeth ac Islam. Cytunodd VT fod hyn yn broblem ac nad oes adnoddau i'r Crefyddau Dwyreiniol. Dywedodd Tonia fod y cwrs cyfan yn cael ei fapio allan ac y byddai'n ymdrin â phob crefydd. Cadarnhaodd PL y byddai cyflwyniad gan ymarferwr arweiniol yng nghyfarfod haf CCYSGauC ac y gallai pawb edrych ymlaen at gael diweddariad ar ddiwedd y broses.

8. Diweddariadau:

Diweddariad: Adolygiad Cwricwlwm - Adroddodd BJ fod nifer o ysgolion yn ceisio dychmygu sut bydd Cwricwlwm Donaldson yn edrych. Mae'r ysgolion arloesi'n gobeithio y bydd Cam 2 yn dechrau ym mis

WJEC GCSE and are beginning to share information and resources via Hwb. Resources will be translated into Welsh and Quality Assured. Lead practitioners are keen to hear from classroom teachers who would like to work together to create resources. A SACRE rep raised concerns that increased content of the new specification could mean that that grades may not be as high if they are expected to deliver GCSE Religious Studies in an hour a week. VT asked whether there was an intention to share resources wider to other consortia. Tonia affirmed this and said that links are already being made with EAS in Newport. Alison Lewis, a Lead Practitioner, highlighted the difficulty in getting schools to use Hwb but said that the resources are there if they want access to them. Tonia said that the launch of Lead Practitioners was on 21st Oct and they have already made a lot of progress. A member asked if there had been involvement from SACREs in this process. Tonia confirmed this and is interested in hearing from schools with strong RE departments, especially Welsh language schools. Tonia will share the details of the lead practitioners for RE with WASACRE. Lead practitioners have written to all schools in the area to draw attention to the work they are doing. They are conducting a survey to map strengths.

BJ said that lead practitioners in North Wales have been getting organised and preparing resources. She asked whether they are doubling up on the work in Wales and whether they would benefit from working with colleagues across Wales. Tonia said that she sees her job as coordinating links with other consortia. A member asked who would be Quality Assuring. Tonia advised us that, whilst the WJEC can't endorse the work, they were able to check that they were on the right track. She also reported to WASACRE that they would also be using teachers in the area and Mary Parry, the Advisor. Everything should be ready by the end of June. Tonia will follow up those who aren't involved. MM asked when the GCSE books would be made available. He highlighted the issue that the books only cover 3 religions Christianity, Judaism and Islam. VT agreed that there was an issue that there are no resources for Eastern Religions. Tonia said that the whole course was being mapped out and that it has covered all religions. PL said that there will be a presentation from a lead practitioner in summer WASACRE meeting and we look forward to an update at the end of the process.

8. Updates:

Update: Curriculum Review – BJ said that many of the schools are trying to imagine what the Donaldson Curriculum will look like. Pioneer schools are hoping that by January Step 2 will begin and they will develop

Ionawr ac y byddant yn datblygu modelau ar gyfer eu Meysydd Dysgu a Phrofiad ar draws Cymru. Hysbysodd BJ CCYSAGauC fod Phil Lord, Libby Jones a Gill Vaisey wedi cynrychioli CCYSAGauC mewn cyfarfodydd Rhanddeiliaid rheolaidd gyda Llywodraeth Cymru i drafod y cwricwlwm newydd. Bydd hefyd cyfarfod gyda swyddogion Llywodraeth Cymru ar 14 Rhagfyr. Bydd rôl CCYSAGauC yn y broses o adolygu'r cwricwlwm yn cael ei drafod.

Roedd gan un o'r aelodau bryder am y cynnydd araf o ran datblygu'r cwricwlwm newydd a dywedodd nad oedd Llywodraeth Cymru wedi rhoi awgrym am sut bydd y cwricwlwm newydd yn edrych. Tynnwyd sylw at y ffaith fod rhai ysgolion o dan yr argraff nad oes raid iddynt ddilyn y Maes Llafur Cytûn. Dywedodd BJ mai problem arall oedd diffyg amser i hyfforddi athrawon ar beth sy'n gwneud AG dda. Mae hyn yn arbennig o bwysig i'r rhai nad ydynt yn arbenigwyr. Awgrymodd BJ fod angen craffu ar gyfraniad yr ysgolion arloesi ac y byddai'n croesawu cael mewnbwn i hynny. Mae PYCAG yn paratoi dogfen o'r enw "Beth yw AG dda?" i rannu gydag ysgolion ac maent yn cyfarfod cyn diwedd y tymor i'w gorffen. Mae aelodau CCYSAGauC yn cael gwybod am gynnydd y cwricwlwm newydd ac yn adrodd yn ôl yn rheolaidd i'r aelodau.

Roedd gan CCYSAGauC gyfarfod â'r Ysgrifennydd Addysg ar 2 Mawrth 2017 a bydd yn gofyn cwestiwn am statws y Maes Llafur Cytûn.

Derbyniodd CCYSAGauC lythyr gan GYSAG Sir Gaerfyrddin yn mynegi pryderon am le AG yn y cwricwlwm newydd a beth fydd rôl CYSAG.

Soniodd aelod am bryderon yr Eglwys Bresbyteriaidd ynglŷn â'r ansicrwydd. Maent wedi anfon llythyr at GYSAG Sir Gaerfyrddin a CCYSAGauC yn ogystal ag i Kirsty Williams oherwydd eu bod yn poeni am sut bydd Cristnogaeth yn cael ei dysgu yn y cwricwlwm newydd. Awgrymodd RT y gallai Ysgolion Eglwys ei chael yn anodd bod yn rhan o'r cwricwlwm hwn ac y dylai'r Eglwys yng Nghymru a'r Eglwys Gatholig ddefnyddio'u cysylltiadau â Llywodraeth Cymru i drafod hyn.

Gofynnodd PL sut byddai AG yn gweithio os yw'n cael ei osod yn y maes llafur dyniaethau ac awgrymodd ei bod yn bwysig cadw llygad ar hyn.

Diweddariad: Canllawiau ar Reoli'r Hawl i Dynnu Disgyblion o Addysg Grefyddol. Dywedodd GV fod y ddogfen bellach yn destun ymgynghoriad gan amryw o sefydliadau, cynrychiolwyr ffydd ac addysgwyr. Mae hi wrth ei bodd â'r gefnogaeth a'r ymateb cadarnhaol i'r ddogfen. Cynhyrwyd y ddogfen i ddechrau mewn ymateb i gais am ganllawiau yn y maes hwn gan bennaeth, ond mae'r ddogfen wedi esblygu ac mae bellach ar gyfer rhieni, athrawon a phawb sydd â diddordeb. Rhannodd GV y ddogfen gyda chydweithwyr

models for their Areas of Learning and Experience across Wales. BJ informed WASACRE that Phil Lord, Libby Jones and Gill Vaisey had represented WASACRE at regular Stakeholders' meetings with Welsh Government to discuss the new curriculum. There is also a meeting to be held with officers of the Welsh Government on 14th December. The role of WASACRE in the curriculum review process will be discussed.

A member highlighted a concern about the slow progress in the development of the new curriculum and said that Welsh Government has not given any suggestion of what the curriculum will look like. It was brought to the attention of WASACRE that some schools are under impression they don't have to follow the Agreed Syllabus. BJ also raised the issue of lack of time for teacher training on what good RE is. This is especially important to non-specialists. BJ suggested that we need to scrutinise the contribution of the pioneer schools and would welcome having an input into that. NAPfRE are preparing a document entitled "What is Good RE" to share with schools and are meeting before the end of term to finish this. Members of WASACRE are informed of the progress of the new curriculum and regularly feed back to members.

WASACRE have a meeting with The Minister for Education on 2nd March 2017 and will pose a question around the status of the Agreed Syllabus.

WASACRE have had correspondence from Carmarthenshire SACRE raising concerns about what RE will look like in the new curriculum and what the role of SACRE will be.

A member spoke about the concerns of the Presbyterian Church about the uncertainty of what is happening. They have sent a letter to Carmarthenshire SACRE and WASACRE as well as to Kirsty Williams because they are concerned about how Christianity will be taught in the new curriculum. RT suggested that Church Schools might find it difficult to become part of this curriculum and that the Church in Wales and the Roman Catholic Church should use its links to the Welsh Government to discuss this.

PL asked how RE would work if it is based in the humanities curriculum and suggested that it is important to keep a watching brief on that.

Update: Guidance on Managing the Right of Withdrawal from Religious Education. GV said that the document is now out for consultation with a variety of organisations, faith representatives and educationalists. She is delighted with the support and positive tone in which the document is being received. The document was initially produced in response to a request for guidance in this area from a headteacher, but the document has evolved and is now for parents, teachers and all parties. GV shared the document with

yn Lloegr yng Nghynhadledd REC a gwelwyd cryn dipyn o ddiddordeb. Bydd y ddogfen yn mynd at ddylunydd graffig i gael ei dylunio a'i hargraffu'n broffesiynol. Bydd angen ei chyfieithu ond dylai fod ar gael yn Nhyrnor yn Haf.

Diweddariad ar y Cyngor Addysg Grefyddol

Dyweddodd GV fod Rudi Lockhart, Prif Swyddog Gweithredol y Cyngor Addysg Grefyddol, wedi bod yn siarad ag Aelodau Seneddol i sicrhau eu bod yn deall beth yw AG. Bu cynrychiolwyr y Cyngor yng Nghynadleddau'r Blaid Lafur a'r Blaid Geidwadol yn codi proffil AG ac yn adeiladu perthynas dda gydag ASau. Awgrymwyd y dylai CYSAGau lleol fod yn hysbysu eu gwleidyddion lleol am y safonau a gafwyd yn TGAU yn lleol gan y bydd hyn yn rhywbeth y byddant yn poeni amdano.

Mae gan REQM reolwr newydd, sef Linda Rudge.

Mae yna isafswm tanysgrifiad i'r Cyngor Addysg Grefyddol ond y swm sy'n cael ei roi ar gyfartaledd yw £370.

Cafwyd cyflwyniad ar adnoddau newydd yn y gynhadledd.

1. Prosiect Deall Cristnogaeth: Nod y Gymdeithas Genedlaethol yw codi safonau mewn dysgu am Gristnogaeth yn dilyn arolwg lle daeth diffygion i'r amlwg. Crëwyd adnodd a phecyn hyfforddiant dau ddiwrnod ar gyfer athrawon a fydd yn cael y pecyn adnoddau ar ddiwedd y cwrs. Maen nhw'n hyfforddi pobl i gynnal y cyrsiau a bydd GV yn mynychu.
2. Deall Dyneiddiaeth: Mae'r Gymdeithas Ddyneiddwyr wedi creu gwefan sydd ag adnoddau ardderchog ar gyfer addysg foisol a chymdeithasol yn ogystal ag AG. Maent yn gobeithio cyfieithu'r adnoddau i gyd i'r Gymraeg.
3. Mae Bwrdd Dirprwyon Iddewon Prydain wedi cynhyrchu llyfr i gyd-fynd ag Iddewiaeth yn y TGAU Astudiaethau Crefyddol: *The Definitive Resource* gan Clive Lawton i helpu athrawon i godi safon addysg ar Iddewiaeth.

Diweddariad: EFTRE – Bu PL yn y gynhadledd ym mis Awst. Bu'r gynhadledd yn trafod sut mae AG yn edrych ar draws Ewrop ac mae'r rhan fwyaf o wledydd yn dilyn ymagwedd enwadol. Cafwyd trafodaeth ynghylch sut mae myfyrwyr yn tueddu i gael eu gweld fel nwyddau ar gyfer twf economaidd ac roedd dogfennau o systemau ar draws Ewrop yn dangos symudiad i ffwrdd o'r ymagweddau holistig ac ysbrydol.

Bydd PL yn mynd i gyfarfod Pwyllgor Gwaith EFTRE yn y Ffindir.

Diweddariad: cyfarfod cyswllt Llywodraeth Cymru– Mae CCYSAGauC yn cadw mewn cysylltiad â LIC drwy gyfarfodydd rheolaidd. Bydd y cyfarfod nesaf ym mis Rhagfyr. Mae'r trafodaethau wedi cynnwys 10/94 a'r Maes Llafur Cytûn. Cafwyd trafodaeth hefyd am

colleagues in England at the REC Conference and there had been lots of interest. The document will go to a graphic designer for professional design and printing. Translation is needed but it should be available in the Summer Term.

Update on REC

GV said that Rudi Lockhart, CEO of REC, has been actively talking to MPs to ensure they understand what RE is. REC reps attended Party Political Conferences for the Labour and Conservative Parties to raise the profile of RE and to build good relationships with MPs. It was suggested that local SACREs should be informing their local politicians about standards achieved in GCSE locally as this is something they will care about.

REQM have a new manager, Linda Rudge.

There is a minimum subscription for REC of £250 but the average being given is £370.

There was a presentation on new resources at the conference.

1. Understanding Christianity Project: The National Society aim to raise standards in the teaching of Christianity following a survey which highlighted inadequacies. A resource and two day training package has been created for teachers who will be provided the pack of resources at the end of the course. They are training people to deliver the courses and GV will be attending.
2. Understanding Humanism: The Humanist Association has created a website with excellent resources for moral and social education as well as RE. They are hoping to translate all resources into Welsh.
3. The Board of Deputies of British Jews has produced a book to support Judaism GCSE Religious Studies: *The Definitive Resource* by Clive Lawton to help teachers with the quality of education on Judaism.

Update: EFTRE – PL attended the conference in August. The conference discussed what RE looks like across Europe and most countries take a confessional approach. There was discussion about how students are seen as commodities for economic growth with documentation from systems across Europe showing a move away from wellbeing and holistic and spiritual approaches.

PL will attend the Exec meeting of EFTRE next week in Finland.

Update: Welsh Government contact meeting - WASACRE are keeping in contact with WG via regular meetings. The next meeting is in December. Discussions have included 10/94 and the Agreed Syllabus. There has also been discussion on the Welsh Bacc and the new

Fagloriaeth Cymru a'r cwricwlwm newydd.

Problem adroddiadau blynyddol - Nid yw'r problem hon fyth wedi cael ei datrys a bydd CCYSAGauC yn gwthio LIC i gadw ei chyfrifoldeb presennol i goladu'r adroddiadau fel yn ôl 10/94. Byddant yn hysbysu CCYSAGauC am eu cynnydd.

9. Adroddiad o'r Pwyllgor Gwaith

Cofnodion o'r cyfarfod –

T1 GWEITHREDU 1 –Llythyr i Kirsty Williams.

Mae Edward Evans wedi ysgrifennu at Lywodraeth Cymru i ofyn a fyddai newid y gyfraith o ran Addysg Grefyddol yn Lloegr yn cael effaith yng Nghymru - Beth yw pwerau gweddilliol San Steffan? Nid oedd yr ateb a gafwyd yn mynd i'r afael â'r cwestiwn yn ddigonol ac felly byddai'n ysgrifennu eto, y tro hwn at Kirsty Williams yn uniongyrchol.

Tanysgrifiad y Cyngor Addysg Grefyddol – Dywedodd PL fod gan CCYSAGauC yr hawl i danysgrifiad gostyngol i'r Cyngor gan ei bod yn gymdeithas fach, sef £99.

Ymarferwyr Arweiniol—Ceir cyflwyniad yn rhoi diweddariad am eu gwaith yng nghyfarfod yr Haf. Dywedodd PL ei fod yn falch i weld fod John Mitson yn dal yn gallu bod yn bresennol ac y byddai CCYSAGauC yn sicr yn manteisio ar ei sgiliau.

Bydd cyfarfod nesaf y Pwyllgor Gwaith ar **1 Chwefror.**

10. Gohebiaeth

1. Llythyr gan Neeter Baicher - am y llyfr *Unsung* gan Dr Darminder Singh Chada sydd yn codi ymwybyddiaeth ac yn talu teyrnged i'r milwyr Sicaidd yn yr Ymerodraeth Brydeinig.
2. Cytunodd Kirsty Williams, Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet ar Addysg i gyfarfod â CCYSAGauC ddydd Iau, 2 Mawrth, 2017 yn dilyn y cais am gyfarfod a anfonwyd gan LJ.
3. Ysgrifennodd Pam Evans, Prif Swyddog Gweithredol Peace Mala, yn hysbysu CCYSAGauC am y Peace Mala yn Eglwys Gadeiriol Llandaf ddydd Iau 20 Gorffennaf 2017.
4. Gohebiaeth gyda Kathy Riddick, Swyddog Datblygu, Dyneiddwyr Cymru yn trafod lle'r Dyneiddwyr ar CYSAG. Gwahoddwyd Kathy Riddick i fynychu CCYSAGauC fel sylwedydd er mwyn dechrau sgwrs gadarnhaol rhwng y ddwy gymdeithas. Roedd Kathy'n bresennol yn y cyfarfod ac eglurodd fod y Gymdeithas Ddyneiddwyr eisiau cael safbwyntiau anghrefyddol yn cael eu cynrychioli yn ogystal â pherthynas gadarnhaol gyda CYSAGau. Hysbysodd Kathy CCYSAGauC fod gan y Gymdeithas Ddyneiddwyr siaradwyr ar gael i fynd i ysgolion ar draws Cymru. Dywedodd Edward Evans fod Dyneiddwyr wedi bod yn mynychu CYSAG Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr yn ffyddlon ac wedi gwneud cyfraniad gwerthfawr iddo. Fodd bynnag, atgoffodd

curriculum.

Annual reports issue – This issue is still unresolved and WASACRE will be pushing for WG to maintain its current responsibility to collate the reports as per 10/94. WASACRE will be kept up-dated on progress.

9. Report from the Executive Committee

Minutes from meeting –

P1 Action 1 - Letter to Kirsty Williams.

Edward Evans has written to Welsh Government to ask whether changing the law with regards to Religious Education in England would have an impact in Wales. – What are the residual powers of Westminster? The response received did not adequately address the question and he would therefore write again, this time directly to Kirsty Williams.

REC subscription – PL advised that as a small organisation WASACRE was entitled to pay a reduced subscription to REC and this would be £99.

Lead Practitioners - There will be a presentation updating us on the work done in the Summer meeting. PL said that WASACRE is pleased to see John Mitson is still able to attend and that WASACRE will still draw upon his skills.

The next Executive is meeting next on the **1st Feb.**

10. Correspondence

1. Letter from Neeter Baicher – about the book *Unsung* by Dr Darminder Singh Chada raising awareness and paying tribute to the Sikh soldiers to the British Empire.
2. Kirsty Williams, Cabinet Secretary of Education agreed to a meeting with WASACRE on Thursday 2nd March, 2017 as a result of the request for a meeting LJ sent.
3. Pam Evans, CEO of Peace Mala, wrote informing WASACRE about the Peace Mala at Llandaff Cathedral on Thursday 20th July, 2017.
4. Correspondence with Kathy Riddick, Development Officer, Wales Humanists discussing the place of Humanists in SACRE. Kathy Riddick was invited to attend WASACRE as an observer in order to begin a positive dialogue between the two associations. Kathy was in attendance in the meeting and explained that the Humanist Society wanted non-religious views represented alongside religious views as well as a positive relationship with SACREs. Kathy informed WASACRE that the Humanist Society has school speakers available across Wales. Edward Evans said that a Humanist had faithfully attended and made a valuable contribution to Bridgend SACRE for number of years. However, he reminded WASACRE that we

CCYSAGauC ei bod yn rhwym i gylchlythyr 10/94 ac felly, dim ond aelodau cyfetholedig all gynrychioli systemau cred anghrefyddol a dyna'r sefyllfa gyfreithiol o hyd. Dywedodd PL fod hwn yn fater i Lywodraeth Cymru. Dywedodd Kathy Riddick fod y Gymdeithas Ddyneiddwyr wedi ysgrifennu at Lywodraeth Cymru ar y mater hwn.

5. Llythyr gan yr Eglwys Bresbyteraidd a anfonwyd ymlaen i CCYSGAauC gan GYSAG Sir Gaerfyrddin. Roedd yr Eglwys yn dymuno mynegi pryder am Addysg Grefyddol o fewn strwythur y cwricwlwm newydd arfaethedig. Cafwyd cyfieithiad o'r llythyr i CCYSGAauC.

11. Unrhyw Fater Arall

Mae Tania a Leslie wedi cyhoeddi deunyddiau ar Wefan y Santes Fair ac atgoffwyd CCYSAGauC am y fylchgrawn lefel A. Hyd yma ymddangosodd 10 rhifyn a chyhoeddwyd dros 40 o erthyglau. Mae dau adnodd newydd i'r Cyfnod Sylfaen ar gael am ddim o wefan Canolfan y Santes Fair. Mae'r gyfres 'Exploring Why' ac 'Exporing Our World' ar gael yn <http://www.st-marys-centre.org.uk/resoruces>

Adnoddau Lefel A ar gyfer y cwricwlwm newydd - Codwyd yr angen hwn gan MP ac awgrymodd y gellir ceisio cyllid i gael ymarferwyr arweiniol i greu adnoddau i'w rhannu yn yr un ffordd ag y mae ymarferwyr arweiniol yn gweithio ar adnoddau ar gyfer TGAU. Awgrymodd y gallai CCYSAGauC a/neu MAGC ystyried ariannu'r gwaith. Awgrymodd TT fod gan CBAC ei rhan yn hyn hefyd. Dywedodd fod gwerslyfrau ar gael a ysgrifennwyd gan brif arholwyr. Mae CBAC yn cyfrannu ac mae angen iddynt elwa ar hyn felly efallai y gallent weithredu fel cydlynnydd. Dywedodd BJ fod yna grwpiau TGAU a Lefel A sy'n gweithio gyda'i gilydd yn wirfoddol. Byddai ganddi ddiddordeb mewn gweld grwpiau eraill yn gweithio gyda'i gilydd ar sail fwy ffurfiol a fyddai'n arwain at rwydwaith o rannu arfer da sy'n gallu cynhyrchu adnoddau a gefnogir yn llwyr gan CBAC. Byddai angen rhywun i reoli hyn. Gofynnodd PL pwy fyddai'n eu cyflogi. Awgrymodd un aelod ddefnyddio Hwb i rannu adnoddau. Awgrymwyd y gallai dau neu dri athro ei gydlyn. Trafododd JM y materion ariannol ac awgrymodd y byddai'n anodd i CCYSGauC ariannu hwn ar ei phen ei hun ac y byddai angen gweithio gydag eraill. Awgrymodd GV ofyn i MAGC os gallent ddarparu rhywfaint o gyllid ac y gellid meddwl am ofyn i fudiadau eraill helpu hefyd. Dywedodd RT nad oedd gweddill ariannol MAGC yn debyg i un CCYSAGauC ond y gellir trafod hyn yng nghyfarfod nesaf MAGC.

Teimlai TT yn gryf fod CBAC yn gorff sy'n gwneud elw a gan mai ei cynnyrch nhw sydd dan sylw, dylent fod yn cymryd rhan allweddol.

are bound by circular 10/94 and therefore, non-religious belief systems can only be co-opted members and this is still the legal position. PL said that this is an issue for Welsh Government. Kathy Riddick said that the Humanist Society has written to Welsh Government on this issue.

5. Letter from the Presbyterian Church forwarded to WASACRE by Carmarthenshire SACRE. They wished to voice their concern with regard to Religious Education within the structure of the proposed new curriculum. WASACRE translated the letter for our information.

11. A.O.B.

Tania and Leslie have published materials on the St Mary's Website and reminded WASACRE of the A Level journal. So far there have been 10 issues with over 40 articles published. There are two new Foundation Phase resources available for free from the St Mary's Centre website. The 'Exploring Why' series and 'Exploring Our World' series are available from <http://www.st-marys-centre.org.uk/resoruces>

A Level resources for the new curriculum -MP raised the issue of this need, suggesting that we might seek funding for lead teachers to create resources to share in the same way lead practitioners are working on resources for GCSE. She suggested WASACRE and/or the REMW might consider funding this work. TT suggested that the WJEC have a role to play in this. He said that there are textbooks available written by chief examiners. The WJEC is a benefactor and they need to benefit from it and could perhaps act as a coordinator. BJ said that there are new GCSE and A level and groups working together voluntarily. She would be interested in other groups working together in a more formal sense providing a network of sharing good practice who are able to produce resources which is fully endorsed by WJEC. Someone would need to manage this. PL asked who their employer would be. A member suggested using the Hwb to share resources. It was suggested that two or three teachers could coordinate it. JM discussed the financial issues and suggested that it would be difficult for WASACRE to fund this alone and would need to work with others. GV suggested asking REMW if they could also provide some funding and that we might also think about asking other organisations to help. RT said the residual balances of REMW do not match that of WASACRE but that this could be discussed in the next meeting of REMW.

TT felt strongly that as the WJEC is a profit making organisation and it is their product that they should be key players.

Penderfynodd CCYSAGauC yr hoffai weld hwn yn cael ei archwilio ymhellach gan nad oedd dim amser i'r golli.

Cofnodion CCYSAGauC - Tynnodd RT sylw at y ffaith nad yw hen gofnodion CCYSAGauC yn cael eu storio ar y wefan. Dywedodd ei bod yn bwysig fod adroddiadau cyn gynadleddau ar y wefan ac mai mater bach fyddai gwneud hyn gyda'r dechnoleg fodern. **GWEITHREDU: PL i ymchwilio i'r sefyllfa.**

Hysbysodd PL CCYSAGauC fod Jen Malcolm yn ymddeol. Diolchodd iddi am ei chyfraniad i CCYSAGauC gan ddymuno'n dda iddi ar ei hymddeoliad ac i'r dyfodol.

12. Dyddiad y cyfarfod nesaf: 3 Mawrth 2017, Sir Fynwy. Lleoliad: Neuadd y Sir, Brynbuga.

Cyfarfodydd wedi hynny:

- Haf 2017, Wrecsam
- Hydref 2017, Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr
- Gwanwyn 2018, Abertawe

WASACRE voted that it would like to see this investigated further as speed is of the essence.

WASACRE minutes – RT brought it to the attention of WASACRE that old WASACRE minutes are not stored on the website. He suggested that it is important that the reports of the previous conferences are on the website and that with modern technology it would be easy to do this. **Action: PL is to look into is situation.**

PL informed WASACRE that Jen Malcom is retiring. He thanked her for her contribution to WASACRE and expressed best wishes for her retirement and for the future.

12. Date for next meeting: 3rd March 2017, Monmouthshire. Venue: County Hall, Usk.

Future meeting dates:

- Summer 2017, Wrexham
- Autumn 2017, Bridgend
- Spring 2018, Swansea