



**Cyfarfod CCYSAGauC, Caerffili, 27 Mawrth 2014 / Wales
Association of SACREs meeting, Caerphilly, 27 March 2014**

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Cofnodion/Minutes

<p>1. Croeso. Croesawodd y Cadeirydd, Tania ap Sion, yr aelodau ac ymddiheurodd am yr anawsterau gyda'r system sain a'r ffaith ei bod yn amharu ar yr offer cyfieithu. Trosglwyddodd Tania ap Sion yr awenau i Keri Cole, Rheolwr Addysg a Chynhwysiant Awdurdod Lleol Caerffili, a groesawodd aelodau CCYSAGauC i Gaerffili ac a ddywedodd ei bod yn gobeithio y byddai'r cyfarfod o fudd i'r holl aelodau ac yn gyfle i fyfyrion. Aeth Ms Cole ymlaen i gyflwyno Maer Caerffili, y Cynghorydd Michael Gray.</p> <p>Estynnodd y Cynghorydd Gray groeso i gynrychiolwyr CYSAGau o bob rhan o Gymru i gyfarfod y gwanwyn, gan ddweud ei fod wrth ei fodd bod CCYSAGauC wedi derbyn ei wahoddiad i gynnal y cyfarfod yma yn ystod ei flwyddyn fel Maer. Cydnabu'r Cynghorydd Gray waith caled Cymdeithas CYSAGau Cymru ac aeth ymlaen i ddiolch i awdurdodau lleol am eu cefnogaeth ac i CCYSAGauC am y gwaith pwysig y mae'n ei wneud. Amlygodd rai mentrau pwysig iawn y mae CCYSAGauC naill ai wedi'u cychwyn neu wedi'u cefnogi'n ddiweddar, gan gynnwys Adolygiad Thematiig Estyn o Addysg Grefyddol mewn Ysgolion Uwchradd, yr Hyfforddiant CA3 ar arweinir gan aelod o'r Pwyllgor Gwaith, Gavin Craigen, Cynhadledd CCYSAGauC, a gwaith CCYSAGauC ar y Marc Ansawdd Addysg Grefyddol i Gymru a arweinir gan aelod o'r Pwyllgor Gwaith, Phil Lord. Pwysleisiodd y Cynghorydd Gray bwysigrwydd gwaith y Gymdeithas mewn perthynas â materion y 22 CYSAG yng Nghymru. Yn olaf estynnodd y Maer wahoddiad i'r holl aelodau ymweld â pharlwr y Maer a chael cinio yn y bwyty gwyr.</p> <p>Diolchodd Tania ap Sion i'r Maer a Ms Cole cyn parhau â'r agenda.</p> <p>2. Adfyfrio tawel. Gofynnodd Tania ap Sion i'r aelodau oedi i fyfyrion ar y cyfarfod a oedd o'u blaenau a'u cyfraniadau iddo.</p> <p>3. Ymddiheuriadau. Gavin Craigen, Jen Malcolm, Y Cyngh Janice Dudley, Ben Wigley, Y Cyngh Huw Jones, Y Parch Gethin Rhys a Mark Brown</p> <p>4. Cofnodion y cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd yn Rhondda Cynon Taf, 10 Hydref 2013. Fe'u cynigiwyd gan Vicky Thomas fel cofnod cywir o'r cyfarfod ac fe eiliwyd hynny gan Carys Pritchard.</p> <p>5. Materion sy'n codi. Eitem 5 (o dan Eitem 7 Diweddiariadau). Mewn perthynas â'r hyfforddiant CA3 a ddarparwyd gan Gavin Craigen ar ddefnyddio lefelau mewn AG, awgrymodd Mary Parry y gellid gofyn i ysgolion pa effaith yr oedd wedi'i chael ar eu hymarfer yn yr ystafell ddosbarth. Canlyniad y</p>	<p>1. Welcome. Chair, Tania ap Sion welcomed members and apologised for the difficulties with the sound system and its interference with the translation. Tania ap Sion introduced Keri Cole, Manager for Education and Inclusion from Caerphilly Local Authority, who welcomed WASACRE members to Caerphilly and expressed her hope that the meeting would be beneficial to all members and an opportunity for reflection. Ms Cole went on to introduce The Mayor of Caerphilly, Councillor Michael Gray.</p> <p>Councillor Gray welcomed SACRE representatives from all over Wales to the spring meeting, expressing his delight that WASACRE accepted his invitation to hold the meeting here during his year as Mayor. Councillor Gray acknowledged the hard work of the Wales Association of SACREs and went on to thank local authorities for their support and WASACRE for the important work it does. He highlighted some very important initiatives that WASACRE has recently either initiated or supported, including the Estyn Thematic Review of Religious Education in the Secondary School, the KS3 Training led by Executive member Gavin Craigen, the WASACRE Conference, and WASACRE's work on the REQM for Wales led by Executive member Phil Lord. Councillor Gray emphasised the importance of the Association's work relating to the issues of the 22 SACREs in Wales. Finally the Mayor extended an invitation to all members to visit Mayor's parlour and to lunch in the glass restaurant.</p> <p>Tania ap Sion thanked both the Mayor and Ms Cole before continuing with the agenda.</p> <p>2. Quiet reflection. Tania ap Sion asked members to pause for reflection on the meeting ahead and their contributions to it.</p> <p>3. Apologies. Gavin Craigen, Jen Malcolm, Cllr Janice Dudley, Ben Wigley, Cllr Huw Jones, Parch Gethin Rhys and Mark Brown</p> <p>4. Minutes of meeting held in Rhondda Cynon Taf, 10 October 2013. Proposed by Vicky Thomas as a correct record of the meeting and seconded by Carys Pritchard.</p> <p>5. Matters arising. Item 5 (under item 7 up-dates). In relation to the KS3 training provided by Gavin Craigen on using levels in RE, Mary Parry suggested asking schools what impact it had on their practice in the classroom. The outcome of the discussion which ensued was that it would be useful to do this follow up</p>
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drafodaeth a ddilynodd oedd y byddai'n ddefnyddiol gwneud yr ymarfer dilynol yma ar ffurf holiadur a fyddai'n cael ei anfon dim ond at y rhai a gafodd yr hyfforddiant, ac y gellid ei ddefnyddio fel rhan o broses fonitro'r CYSAGau gan fod pwyslais cryf ar arfarnu a darparu effaith. Eitem 5 (o dan Eitem 7 Diweddariadau). Cadarnhaodd Tania ap Sion fod yr adroddiad ar gyfer yr Adolygiad o Adroddiadau CYSAGau bellach wedi cael ei gyhoeddi'n swyddogol ac wedi cael ei gylchredeg gan Ysgrifennydd CCYSAGauC, Libby Jones i'r CYSAGau i gyd. Mae crynodeb o'r argymhellion wedi cael ei gynhyrchu ac mae ar wefan CCYSAGauC. Diolchodd Mary Parry i Libby am anfon hwn allan ond ychwanegodd y dylai Llywodraeth Cymru fod yn anfon yr wybodaeth hon yn uniongyrchol at bob CYSAG. Mae crynodeb o'r argymhellion wedi cael ei lunio ac mae ar wefan CCYSAGauC. Roedd yr Aelodau'n cytuno y dylai CCYSAGauC ysgrifennu at Lywodraeth Cymru i ofyn iddynt anfon gwybodaeth o'r math yma gan gynnwys data arholiadau yn syth at y CYSAGau yn y dyfodol i sicrhau bod pob CYSAG wedi'i arfogi i gyflawni ei ddyletswyddau statudol. Bydd llythyr yn cael ei anfon at Lywodraeth Cymru gan Libby Jones. Eitem 6 Cyswllt yn Llywodraeth Cymru. Trafodwyd hyn yn yr eitem ar yr agenda a oedd yn ymwneud â chofnodion y Pwyllgor Gwaith.

6. Adroddiad ar gyfarfod y Pwyllgor Gwaith a gynhaliwyd ar 4 Chwefror 2014. Roedd y materion a godwyd yn y cofnodion yn cynnwys:

Eitem 4: Cyswllt yn Llywodraeth Cymru. Mae hwn yn faes sydd wedi bod yn achos pryder ers i Denize Morris newid ei rôl. Fis Medi diwethaf fe gysyllton ni â Nia Mair Jones a aeth ar ôl rhai o'n materion, ond mae hi bellach wedi symud ymlaen. Ein cyswllt newydd yn awr yw Louise Thomas ac rydym wedi trafod ein materion cyfredol gyda hi. Mae gan y Pwyllgor Gwaith a NAPfRE restr o faterion eraill i'w codi mewn cyfarfod gyda Louise sydd wedi'i drefnu ar gyfer 14 Mai 2014 yn Llandrindod (i'w gadarnhau). Dau o'r meysydd sy'n achosi'r pryder mwyaf taer yw: 1. CYSAGau o fewn y trefniadau rhanbarthol newydd a'r trefniadau ar gyfer gweithio mewn consortia. Mae CCYSAGauC yn chwilio am arweiniad cadarn ac eglur o ran pwy sy'n gyfrifol am CYSAGau. 2. Dogfen y Cyfnod Sylfaen, pam ei bod wedi'i thynnu oddi ar wefan Llywodraeth Cymru, pa un a ellir ei defnyddio o hyd a'i hanfon at ysgolion a pha un a yw'n mynd i gael ei newid ac/neu ei diwygio?

Eitem 11: RE News. Adroddodd Rheinallt Thomas ar ran Vaughan Salisbury nad oes unrhyw angen mwyach i RE News fod yn rhan o drafodaethau ynghylch cydweithio'n agosach gyda CCYSAGauC a REMW am fod eu materion ariannol wedi cael eu datrys. Byddai gwefan RE News ar gael yn rhad ac am ddim yn awr. Dywedodd y Trysorydd John Mitson nad yw'n rhagweld y bydd cais am gyllid gan CCYSAGauC, gan nad oedd unrhyw rifynnau o

exercise in the form of a questionnaire sent out only to those who attended the training and that it could be used as part of the SACRE monitoring process as there is a strong emphasis on evaluating and providing impact. Item 5 (under item 7 up-dates). Tania ap Sion confirmed that the report for the Review of SACRE Reports has now been officially published and has been circulated by WASACRE Secretary Libby Jones to all SACREs. A summary of the recommendations has been produced and is on the WASACRE website. Mary Parry thanked Libby for sending this out but added that Welsh Government should be sending this information directly to SACREs. Members were in agreement that WASACRE should write to WG to ask them to send information of this kind including examination data, straight to SACRE's in future to ensure that each SACRE is equipped to carry out its statutory duties. Letter to be sent to Welsh Government by Libby Jones. Item 6 Welsh Government contacts. This was discussed in the agenda item relating to the Executives minutes.

6. Report from the Executive Committee meeting held on 4 February 2014. Issues raised in the minutes included:

Item 4: Welsh Government contacts. This has been an area of concern since Denize Morris changed her role. Last September we made contact with Nia Mair Jones who followed up some of our issues, but who has now moved on. Our new contact is now Louise Thomas with whom we have discussed our current issues. The Executive and NAPfRE has a list of other issues to raise in a meeting with Louise scheduled for 14 May 2014 in Llandrindod wells (to be confirmed). Two of the most pressing areas of concern are: 1. SACREs within the new regional arrangements and consortia working. WASACRE is looking for a firm and clear steer on who is responsible for SACREs. 2. The Foundation Phase document, why it was removed from the Welsh Government website, whether it can still be used and sent out to schools and whether it is going to be changed and/or revised?

Item 11: RE News. Rheinallt Thomas reported on behalf of Vaughan Salisbury that there is no longer any need for RE News to be involved in discussions relating to working more closely with WASACRE and REMW because their financial issues had been addressed. RE News website would now be available free of charge. Treasurer John Mitson said that he does not anticipate that there will be a request for funding from WASACRE, as there has been no Reflections

Reflections wedi cael eu cynnwys yn ddiweddar yn RE News Online a bod y materion cyllido wedi cael eu datrys. Bydd Libby Jones yn ysgrifennu at Vaughan Salisbury a Rachel Bendow i ofyn beth yw'r sefyllfa yn hyn o beth. Holodd Vicky Thomas a fydd Y Drindod Dewi Sant yn hysbysu ysgolion eu bod yn gallu cael mynediad at RE News yn rhad ac am ddim yn awr, ynteu ai cyfrifoldeb pob CCYSAG lleol yw gwneud hyn, gan ychwanegu y dylai fod proses eglur i hysbysu athrawon ac ysgolion.

Eitem 13: Cynrychiolaeth ar EFTRE. Diolchodd y Cadeirydd i Mary Parry am ei gwaith yn y rôl honno a mynegodd ei diolchgarwch i Phil Lord sydd wedi cytuno'n garedig i fod y cynrychiolydd newydd ar ran CCYSAGauC ar EFTRE. Rhannodd Phil Lord ei brofiad o'i gyfarfod cyntaf fel cynrychiolydd ar EFTRE trwy ddweud ei fod yn agoriad llygad gweld sut yr addysgir AG ledled Ewrop a thynnodd Phil sylw'r aelodau at wefan EFTRE, gan ychwanegu ein bod yn gobeithio cysylltu'n fwy ag ysgolion yn Ewrop ac y bydd gwybodaeth am hyn yn cael ei chylchredeg trwy gyfarfodydd CCYSAGauC.

Eitem 17: Mae Cyngor AG Cymru a Lloegr yn cynnal eu CCB yng Nghaerdydd. Diolchodd y Cadeirydd i Edward Evans am y cyswllt cychwynnol yn Llywodraeth Cymru. Mae trefniadau ar gyfer y digwyddiad wedi cael eu gwneud gan CCYSAGauC mewn partneriaeth gyda'r Cyngor AG. Diolchodd y Cadeirydd i Libby Jones am ei gwaith yn y maes yma.

Eitem 10: Adolygiad Llywodraeth Cymru o'r Cwricwlwm. Cyfarfu aelodau o CCYSAGauC a NAPfRE ym mis Ionawr yn y Drenewydd i ymateb i ddogfen ymgynghori'r adolygiad o'r cwricwlwm. Mae crynodeb o'r ymatebion wedi cael ei gyhoeddi ar wefan Llywodraeth Cymru a byddwn yn trefnu bod hwn ar gael ar wefan CCYSAGauC. Rhannodd Carys Pritchard rai o'r ystadegau diweddaraf o'r wefan nad oeddent ond ar gael ers y bore hwnnw: mae 324 o ymatebion ledled Cymru, sy'n ymateb cryf o fyd AG. Ceir peth cydnabyddiaeth i Addysg Grefyddol, ond mae angen i ni ddal i roi pwysau. Diolchodd Tania ap Sion i Carys am gyflwyno'r wybodaeth hon gerbron y cyfarfod a chytunodd yr aelodau y dylai aelodau o Bwyllgor Gwaith CCYSAGauC, mewn partneriaeth gyda NAPfRE, ganlyn arni â hyn fel mater o flaenoriaeth.

7. Cyflwyniad. RE:Quest – Michael Strange. Yn ei gyflwyniad cynigiodd Mr Strange adnoddau (DVDs) am ddim i'r aelodau eu rhannu gydag athrawon yn eu hardal ac aeth ati i gyflwyno ac arddangos rhai o'r adnoddau ar-lein RE Quest newydd sydd ar gael ar y wefan. Aeth y wefan newydd yn fyw ym mis Awst 2014 ar gyfer CA2, 3 a 4. Ar gyfer adnoddau'r Cyfnod Sylfaen mae'r hen wefan yn fwy addas ac mae'n dal yn bosib cael mynediad ati. Mae'r adran i athrawon ar y wefan newydd yn cynnwys syniadau addysgu,

included recently in RE News online and the funding issues had been addressed. Libby Jones will write to Vaughan Salisbury and Rachel Bendow to ask what the situation is in this respect. Vicky Thomas enquired whether Trinity St David's will be informing schools that they can access RE News free of charge now, or whether it is the responsibility of each local SACRE to do this, adding that there should be a clear process for informing teachers and schools.

Item 13: EFTRE Representation. The Chair thanked Mary Parry for her work in that role and expressed gratitude to Phil Lord who has kindly agreed to be the new WASACRE representative on EFTRE. Phil Lord shared his experience of his first EFTRE meeting by saying that it was an eye opener to see how RE is taught across Europe and Phil drew members' attention to the EFTRE website, adding that we are hoping to connect more with schools in Europe and information about this will be circulated through WASACRE meetings.

Item 17: The RE council for England and Wales are holding their AGM in Cardiff. The Chair thanked Edward Evans for the initial contact in Welsh Government. Arrangements for the event have been made by WASACRE in partnership with the RE Council. The Chair thanked Libby Jones for her work in this area.

Item 10: Welsh Government Curriculum Review. Members of WASACRE and NAPfRE met in January in Newtown to respond to the consultation document of the curriculum review. A summary of responses has been published on the Welsh Government website and we will make this available on the WASACRE website. Carys Pritchard shared some of the latest statistics from the website only made available that morning: there are 324 responses across Wales, which is a strong response from the RE world. There is some acknowledgement of Religious Education, but we do need to keep the pressure on. Tania ap Sion thanked Carys for bringing this to the meeting and members agreed that members from the WASACRE Executive, in partnership with NAPfRE, should continue with this as a priority.

7. Presentation. RE:Quest – Michael Strange. In his introduction Mr Strange offered members free resources (DVDs) to share with teachers in their area and gave a presentation and demonstration of some of the new RE Quest online resources available on the website. The new website went live in August 2014 for KS2, 3 and 4. For Foundation Phase resources the old website is more suitable and can still be accessed. The teacher's section on the new site includes teaching ideas, multimedia resources, seasonal resources and

adnoddau amlgyfrwng, adnoddau tymhorol ac adnoddau hyfforddi, y maent i gyd yn cynnig detholiad o fideos pum munud o hyd sy'n cynnwys pobl 'go iawn'. Mae'r wefan yn seiliedig ar god lliwiau sy'n gwneud gwelywio'n haws ac mae'r prif destunau'n cynnwys: Y Beibl, Gwyliau, Materion, Iesu, Bywyd a Phobl. Erfyniodd Mr Strange ar yr aelodau i ofyn i'w CYSAGau hysbysu ysgolion ynghylch yr adnodd am ddim yma sydd wedi cael ei ailwampio a'i ail-lansio fel www.request.org.uk. Ar y wefan gallwch ofyn am daflen wybodaeth i'w dosbarthu i'r holl ysgolion. Dywedodd Michael Strange y byddai fersiwn Cymraeg o'r daflen yn cael ei gynhyrchu hefyd. Bydd rhai adnoddau Cymraeg ar y wefan newydd yn ogystal â'r hen wefan. Diolchwyd i Michael ac REQuest am yr adnodd gwerthfawr yma ac ychwanegodd Tania ap Sion ddiolchiadau am gynnwys enghreifftiau Cymraeg hefyd.

8. Adroddiad cynhadledd CCYSAGauC.

Rhoddodd Libby Jones a Gill Vaisey gyflwyniad a oedd yn cynnig trosolwg o'r gynhadledd, arfarniad o'r deilliannau a sioe sleidiau o luniau a dynnwyd yn ystod y digwyddiad. Roedd y casgliadau y daethpwyd iddynt yn gadarnhaol iawn ar y cyfan ac roedd yr aelodau'n cytuno ei bod yn hynod fuddiol i athrawon Addysg Grefyddol ac aelodau o'r CYSAGau fel ei gilydd. Y cwestiwn cyffredinol a ddaeth i'r amlwg oedd, a all CCYSAGauC barhau i ddatblygu'r hyfforddiant yma yn y dyfodol? Gofynnodd Tania ap Sion i'r aelodau ystyried y cwestiwn yma. Tynnodd Vicky Thomas sylw at y ffaith bod bwch ar gyfer y math yma o hyfforddiant/digwyddiad a gofynnodd sut y mae'n mynd i gael ei lenwi, gan ychwanegu mai'r unig fforwm sydd gan CYSAGau ac athrawon AG yng Nghymru yw CCYSAGauC. Gofynnwyd i athrawon sy'n gweithio ar lawr y dosbarth a oedd yn bresennol yn y cyfarfod am eu teimladau ynghylch y diffyg hyfforddiant sydd ar gael ac effaith cynhadledd CCYSAGauC. Roedd y sylwadau a gafwyd yn cynnwys: "Roedd yn ddiwrnod gwirioneddol werth chweil", "Roedd yn cynnwys cydbwysedd gwyb i athrawon ar CYSAG", "Roedd yn wych, ac roedd y ffaith bod yr hyfforddiant am ddim yn atyniad da", "Roedd y ffaith bod yr hyfforddiant am ddim yn bwysig gan ei fod yn golygu y gallai athrawon gael eu rhyddhau". Cadarnhaodd Trysorydd CCYSAGauC, John Mitson, fod y digwyddiad yn ddefnydd ardderchog o adnoddau, a hithau wedi costio tua £3000.00. Erfyniodd Gill Vaisey ar yr aelodau i ystyried bod darparwyr yr holl weithdai wedi darparu eu gwasanaeth am ddim y tro hwn gan fod nifer ohonynt hefyd yn aelodau o NAPfRE, ac y dylem yn y dyfodol gynnwys rhywfaint o dâl am y math yma o waith. Hefyd, mae angen mwy o gymorth gweinyddol, a fyddai'n dwyn cost pe na bai'n bosib ei gael gan sefydliadau sy'n aelodau. Gan gadw'r pwyntiau hyn mewn cof, roedd yr holl aelodau'n cefnogi'r egwyddor bod CCYSAGauC yn darparu hyfforddiant er mwyn rhoi cymorth i CYSAGau lleol ac athrawon.

training resources, each offering a selection of five-minute videos featuring 'real' people. The website is colour coded to ease navigation and the main topic areas include: Bible, Festivals, Issues, Jesus, Life, and People. Mr Strange urged members to ask their SACREs to inform schools of this free resource which has been rebuilt and launched as, www.request.org.uk. On the website you can request an information leaflet to distribute to schools. Michael Strange said that a Welsh version of the leaflet would also be produced. There will be some Welsh resources on the new website as well as the old website. Thanks were offered to Michael and REQuest for this valuable resource and Tania ap Sion added thanks for the inclusion of Welsh examples too.

8. WASACRE conference report. Libby Jones and Gill Vaisey gave a presentation offering an overview of the conference, an evaluation of the outcomes and a slideshow of pictures taken during the event. Conclusions drawn were on the whole very positive and members agreed that it was most beneficial to both teachers of Religious Education and SACRE members alike. The overall question that emerged was, can WASACRE continue to develop this training in the future? Tania ap Sion asked members to consider this question. Vicky Thomas pointed out that there is a gap for this kind of training/event and asked how it is going to be filled, adding that the only forum that SACREs and teachers of RE have in Wales is WASACRE. Teachers on the chalk face who were present at the meeting were asked about their feelings regarding the lack of training available and the impact of the WASACRE conference. Comments received included: "It was a really worthwhile day", "It was a brilliant balance for teachers on SACRE", "It was fantastic, and the fact that the training was free was a good draw", "The training being free was important because it meant that teachers could be released". WASACRE Treasurer, John Mitson confirmed that the event was an excellent use of resources, costing in the region of £3000.00. Gill Vaisey urged members to consider that all the workshop providers were free on this occasion as many of the providers were also members of NAPfRE, and in future we should include some payment for this kind of work. In addition, there is a need for more administrative support, which would incur a cost if it could not be covered through member institutions. With these points in mind, all members supported the principle of WASACRE providing training in order to support local SACREs and teachers. Tania ap Sion confirmed that the WASACRE Executive are looking at future areas for training.

Cadarnhaodd Tania ap Sion fod Pwyllgor Gwaith CCYSAGauC yn ystyried meysydd ar gyfer hyfforddiant yn y dyfodol.

9. Diweddariadau.

(a) Marc Ansawdd Addysg Grefyddol / REQM – Phil Lord.

Diolchodd Tania ap Sion i Phil am ei holl waith caled ar Farc Ansawdd Addysg Grefyddol Cymru i'w wneud yn berthnasol a defnyddiol mewn cyd-destun Cymreig. Dangosodd Phil y wefan i'r aelodau a rhannodd gynghorion ynghylch gwelywio o'i chwmpas. Eglurodd fod ffordd arbennig o fynd at ran Gymreig y wefan i ysgolion yng Nghymru. Mae'n rhaid i athrawon glicio ar 'Wales' sydd ar hyd y bar ar frig y dudalen i sicrhau nad ydynt yn lawrlwytho'r fersiwn ar gyfer ysgolion yn Lloegr. Gellid defnyddio'r deunyddiau i alluogi ysgolion i asesu eu hunain am ddim pe baent yn dewis peidio ag ymgeisio am y Marc Ansawdd, ac mae hefyd yn modelu sut y dylai adran dda edrych. Mae taflen ar gael yn rhan Gymreig gwefan y Marc Ansawdd Addysg Grefyddol i'w rhannu yng nghyfarfodydd CYSAGau ac i CYSAGau ei chylchredeg i ysgolion. Atgoffodd Phil yr aelodau fod y deunyddiau am ddim ac erfyniodd ar yr aelodau i dynnu sylw aelodau at y ffaith bod y cymhwyster ar gyfer ysgolion cynradd ac uwchradd. Nid dim ond ar gyfer ysgolion gwladol y mae, ond ysgolion eglwysig hefyd a gall ysgolion ei ddefnyddio i helpu gyda'r broses hunan arfarnu ni waeth a fyddant yn ymgeisio ai peidio. Atgoffodd Tania ap Sion yr aelodau fod y fersiwn Cymreig o'r Marc Ansawdd Addysg Grefyddol yn cael ei gefnogi a'i argymhell gan CCYSAGauC.

(b) Gwefan CCYSAGauC – Tania ap Sion.

Cadarnhaodd Tania fod y wefan wedi cael ei diweddaru a'i bod yn cynnwys bron pob adroddiad blynyddol a'r holl adnoddau perthnasol ar gyfer Addysg Grefyddol gan Lywodraeth Cymru ac Estyn. Mae gwybodaeth am y gynhadledd a bydd mwy o adnoddau'n mynd ar y wefan o'r gynhadledd gan gynnwys cyflwyniadau heddiw.

10. Cyflwyniad PYCAG. Datblygiadau CBAC - Tudor Thomas.

Diwygio TGAU a TAG yng Nghymru a Lloegr. Negeseuon allweddol gan CBAC

Rôl CBAC yw darparu:

- cymwysterau a fydd yn rhoi llwybrau dilyniant i'r lefelau sgiliau ac addysg y bydd ar Gymru eu hangen i gystadlu'n fyd-eang
- cymwysterau sy'n gallu newid gyda'r oes ac sy'n ddigon hyblyg i ymateb i anghenion newidiol Cymru
- llwybrau diddorol a hygyrch sy'n datblygu ymhellach y sgiliau y mae eu hangen ar gyfer

9. Up-dates.

(a) RE Quality Mark / REQM – Phil Lord.

Tania ap Sion thanked Phil for all his hard work on the Welsh REQM to make it relevant and useful in a Welsh context. Phil demonstrated the website to members and shared tips on how to navigate it. He explained that there is a particular way of getting to the Welsh part of the website for schools in Wales. Teachers must click on 'Wales' which is along the top bar to ensure that they do not download the schools in England version. The materials could be used to enable schools to assess themselves for free if they decided not to apply for the Quality Mark, and it also models what a good department should look like. There is a flyer available in the Welsh part of the REQM website to share in SACRE meetings and for SACREs to circulate to schools. Phil reminded members that the materials are free and urged members to draw schools' attention to the fact the qualification is for both primary and secondary schools. It is not just for state schools, but church schools as well and schools can use it to help with the self-evaluation process regardless of whether they will apply or not. Tania ap Sion reminded members that the Welsh version of the REQM is supported and recommended by WASACRE.

(b) WASACRE website – Tania ap Sion.

Tania confirmed that the website has been updated and has almost all the annual reports and all the relevant resources for Religious Education from Welsh Government and Estyn on it. There is information on the conference and more resources will be going on the website from the conference including today's presentations.

10. NAPFRE presentation. WJEC developments - Tudor Thomas.

GCSE and GCE reform Wales and England. Key messages from WJEC

WJEC's role is to provide:

- qualifications that will give progression routes to the levels of skills and education that Wales will need to compete globally
- qualifications that are able to change with the times and are flexible enough to respond to Wales' changing needs
- engaging and accessible pathways that further develop the skills that are needed for 21st

<p>cyflogaeth yn yr 21ain ganrif ac ar gyfer bywyd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> cymwysterau sy'n cyfrannu at fframwaith ar gyfer dysgu gydol oes asesiad dilys a dibynadwy o alluoedd dysgwyr cymorth i athrawon yn y cyfnod hwn o newid <p>Yr elfennau a ddarperir gan gyrrff dyfarnu yw</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> gofynion rheoliadol – manylebau a deunyddiau asesu enghreifftiol bwndel CBAC – deunyddiau cyfarwyddyd i athrawon, adnoddau yn enwedig rhai digidol, digwyddiadau cymorth cychwynnol a dadansoddiad o ganlyniadau arholiadau gyda chymorth, i adolygu arholiadau ar-lein <p>Mae Adran Addysg San Steffan ac OFQUAL yn dymuno newid cymwysterau Safon Uwch a TGAU yn Lloegr gan gynnwys cyflwyno system raddio newydd 1-9 (9 fydd y radd uchaf), heb asesuadau mewnol. Er nad oes dyddiad wedi cael ei gyhoeddi deallir y bydd yr addysgu'n dechrau mwy na thebyg ym mis Medi 2016. Bydd cymwysterau TGAU yn cael eu hailysgrifennu yn Lloegr. Bydd Safon Uwch yn Lloegr yn llinol a bydd Uwch Gyfrannol yn gymhwyster annibynnol dros flwyddyn (neu ddwy) ac ni fydd yn cysylltu mwyach â chymhwyster Safon Uwch. Bydd TGAU, Uwch Gyfrannol a Safon Uwch yn aros yr un fath yng Nghymru am y tro, ond disgwylir newidiadau. Bydd arholiadau yng Nghymru'n cael eu cynnal ym mis Mehefin bob blwyddyn yn unig.</p> <p>Un o'r prif bryderon ynghylch TAG (Uwch Gyfrannol a Safon Uwch) yw y bydd datblygiad yn cael ei lywio gan Addysg Uwch – prifysgolion Grŵp Russell yn arbennig. Nid yw'r grŵp yma o brifysgolion yn ystyried bod Astudiaethau Crefyddol yn bwnc 'galluogol'. Atgoffodd Tudor Thomas yr aelodau fod ei fanylion cyswllt ar gael ar y daflen a bod CBAC ar Twitter os bydd angen mwy o wybodaeth ar unrhyw un. Diolchodd Tania ap Sion i Tudor am ei gyflwyniad.</p> <p>11. Gohebiaeth. Cyhoeddodd Libby Jones fod Wyn Hobson, cyfieithydd CCYSAGauC, wedi ymddeol a bod llythyr o ddiolch oddi wrth CCYSAGauC wedi cael ei anfon ato, a'i fod yntau wedi cadarnhau ei dderbyn. Tynnodd Tania ap Sion sylw'r aelodau at y blynyddoedd o wasanaeth rhagorol yr oedd Wyn wedi'i roi i'r Gymdeithas a dywedodd fod y Gymdeithas yn ddiolchgar tu hwnt iddo. Cadarnhawyd fod Garmon Davies wedi cymryd yr awenau gan Wyn fel cyfieithydd CCYSAGauC.</p> <p>12. Enwebiadau ar gyfer y Pwyllgor Gwaith. Eglurodd Tania ap Sion fod 6 enwebiad wedi dod i law hyd yma (dyddiad cau 28 Mawrth 2014). Pwysleisiodd Tania mor galonogol ydoedd gweld</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> century employment and for life qualifications which contribute to a framework for lifelong learning valid and reliable assessment of learners' abilities support for teachers at these times of change <p>Awarding body deliverables are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> regulatory requirements – specifications and specimen assessment materials WJEC bundle- guidance material for teachers, resources especially digital, initial support, events and exam results analysis with on-line exam review support <p>DfE and OFCOL want to change A Level and GCSE qualifications in England including introducing a new grading system 1-9 (9 being the top grade), with no internal assessment. Although no date has been announced it is understood that the first teaching will probably start in September 2016. GCSEs will be re-written in England. A Level in England will be linear and AS will be a one (or two) year stand-alone qualification and will no longer link in to an A Level qualification. GCSE, AS and A Level will remain the same in Wales for the time being, but changes are expected. Exams in Wales will take place in June each year only.</p> <p>One of the main concerns for GCE (AS and A Level) is that development is to be informed by Higher Education - the Russell Group universities in particular. RS is not considered by this group of universities to be an 'enabling' subject. Tudor Thomas reminded members that his contact details are available on the hand out and that WJEC are on twitter should anyone require further information. Tania ap Sion thanked Tudor for his presentation.</p> <p>11. Correspondence. Libby Jones announced that Wyn Hobson, the WASACRE translator has retired and a letter of thanks from WASACRE has been sent to him, with confirmation of receipt from Wyn himself. Tania ap Sion drew members' attention to the years of excellent service that Wyn had given to the Association and the Association's gratitude to him. It was confirmed that Garmon Davies has taken over from Wyn as the WASACRE translator.</p> <p>12. Nominations for the Executive Committee. Tania ap Sion explained that there have been 6 nominations so far (closing date 28 March 2014). Tania emphasised how heartening it is to see so many</p>
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cymaint o aelodau'r CYSAGau yn dangos eu hymrwymiad i'r Gymdeithas trwy gynnig eu henwau. Fe wnaeth ddau bwynt mewn perthynas â'r broses:

1. O ran lle'r Cyngh Michael Gray ar y Pwyllgor Gwaith, cadarnhaodd Tania y bydd yn parhau yn ei rôl tan CCB yr haf hwn, ac fe gytunodd y Cyngh Gray â hynny.

2. O ran y mater sy'n ymwneud â phleidlais glwm a sut y dylid datrys hynny, eglurodd Edward Evans, yn ôl gwefan ???? fod angen i'r Cadeirydd ddewis ar hap ac yn ddiuedd (e.e. pin neu daflu ceiniog) rhwng y ddau neu fwy sydd â'r un faint o bleidleisiau. Cynigiodd Edward ein bod yn mabwysiadu'r weithdrefn hon/yr arfer hwn, fe eiliwyd hynny gan Rheinallt Thomas ac fe gytunodd yr aelodau â hynny. Bydd rhestr lawn o aelodau'r Pwyllgor Gwaith ynghyd â'r enwebiadau'n cael eu hanfon at bob CYSAG ar gyfer y broses bleidleisio er mwyn iddynt gael y darlun mwy.

13. U.F.A. Adnoddau: 'Puddles and the Christening splash' gan Gill Vaisey. Bydd yr adnodd hwn yn cael ei gynhyrchu ar ffurf llyfr mawr a llyfr safonol a bydd rhifyn arbennig i'r cyhoedd ei brynu fel rhodd bedydd ar ddiwedd Mai 2014. Mae'r wefan yn cael ei haildylunio a'i hail-lansio ar hyn o bryd, a bydd adnoddau electronig ar gael am ddim arni. Eglurodd Gill ei bod hi wedi rhannu rhai o'i hadnoddau ar wefan TES yn ddiweddar a bod hyn wedi bod yn ddefnyddiol iawn i ganfod yr hyn y mae ar athrawon ei eisiau, e.e. y jig-so a ddangoswyd i'r aelodau yn y cyfarfod. Yn affodus ni fydd yr adnoddau ar gael yn Gymraeg oherwydd diffyg gwerthiant ar gyfer y llyfrau Cymraeg a dreialwyd gan Gill y llynedd. Dywedodd Mary Parry wrth yr aelodau am yr adnoddau ar gyfer y Cyfnod Sylfaen a gyhoeddwyd yn ddiweddar gan 'Peniarth' ac sydd bellach ar gael.

14. Dyddiad y cyfarfod nesaf.

Dydd Mercher, 2 Gorffennaf 2014 yn Siambr Cyngor Powys yn Llandrindod.

Eglurodd Tania ap Sion y byddai'r dyddiadau ar gyfer y chwe cyfarfod nesaf ar gael yn CCB yr haf. Bydd Libby Jones yn trefnu hyn.

Diolchodd Tania ap Sion i'r aelodau am gyfarfod cynhyrchiol iawn a rhoddodd ddiolch yn benodol i'r bobl ganlynol:

Maer Caerffili, Y Cynghorydd Michael Gray
Rheolwr Addysg a Chynhwysiant Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Caerffili, Keri Cole
Cyfieithydd, Rhian Powell
Clerc CYSAG Caerffili, Emma Sullivan
Ymgynghorydd AG i Awdurdod Lleol Caerffili, Vicky Thomas
Michael Strange o RE Quest
Tudor Thomas o CBAC
Y cyflwynwyr i gyd

SACRE members showing their commitment to the Association by putting their names forward. She made two points in relation to the process:

1. With regard to Cllr Michael Gray's place on the Executive, Tania confirmed that he will be in place until this summer's AGM, to which Cllr Gray agreed.

2. With regard to the issue about the tie in votes and how it should be resolved, Edward Evans explained that according to the ???? website the Chair needs to randomly and impartially choose (e.g. pin or toss a coin) between the two or more tying parties. Edward proposed that we adopt this procedure/practice, this was seconded by Rheinallt Thomas and to which members agreed. The full list of executive members along with the nominations will go out to all SACREs for the voting process so that they have the bigger picture.

13. A.O.B. Resources: Gill Vaisey's 'Puddles and the Christening splash'. This resource will be produced in the big book format and the standard book and there will be a special addition for the public to buy as a christening gift at the end of May 2014. The website is currently being redesigned and re-launched, on which electronic resources will be available for free. Gill explained that she has recently shared some of her resources on the TES website and this has been a very useful experience in finding out what teachers want. E.g. the jigsaw shown to members at the meeting. Unfortunately the resources will not be available in Welsh due to lack of sales for the Welsh books Gill trialled last year. Mary Parry informed members of the recent Foundation Phase resources published by 'Peniarth' which are now available.

14. Date of next meeting.

Wednesday, 2 July 2014 in Powys Council Chamber in Llandrindod Wells.

Tania ap Sion clarified that the dates for the next six meetings will be available at the summer AGM. Libby Jones will organise this.

Tania ap Sion thanked members for a very productive meeting and gave specific thanks to the following people:

Mayor of Caerphilly, Councillor Michael Gray
Manager for Education and Inclusion Caerphilly County Council, Keri Cole
Translator, Rhian Powell
Caerphilly SACRE Clerk, Emma Sullivan
RE advisor/consultant to Caerphilly Local Authority, Vicky Thomas
Michael Strange from RE Quest
Tudor Thomas from WJEC
All presenters

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