

Adroddiad ar weithgareddau'r Gymdeithas 2020-2021

Parhaodd eleni i fod yn flwyddyn anodd wrth i'r pandemig effeithio arnom ni i gyd mewn gwahanol ffyrdd. Pan gynhaliwyd ein Cyfarfod Blynyddol diwethaf ar 7 Hydref drwy TEAMS, roeddem i gyd yn gobeithio na fyddai mwy o gyfnodau clo ac y byddem yn dechrau dod dros y pandemig; ond fel y gwyddom bellach, nid felly y bu. Rydym wedi parhau â chyfnodau clo a chyfyngiadau, gyda phob cyfarfod yn digwydd drwy TEAMS a llwyfannau digidol eraill. Rydym yn dal i deimlo effaith y pandemig, ond mae gwaith CCYSAGauC wedi mynd yn ei flaen yn ddi-dor, diolch i ymroddiad aelodau a swyddogion ein pwyllgor gwaith. Buont yn gweithio'n ddiflino i gadw datblygiad AG ar feddwl addysgwyr a Llywodraeth Cymru wrth iddynt barhau i ddatblygu'r cwricwlwm i Gymru.

1. **Dim ond dwywaith y cyfarfu'r Gymdeithas eleni**, gan i'n Cyfarfod Blynyddol gael ei ohirio tan 7 Hydref: Cafodd ein cyfarfod gwanwyn ar 23 Mawrth ei letya gan CYSAG Caerffili drwy TEAMS. Bydd ein cyfarfod Haf, yn cael ei gynnal ar 16 Mehefin drwy TEAMS gyda CYSAG Powys yn croesawu. Rydym yn ddiolchgar am gefnogaeth barhaus CYSAGau yn lletya'r cyfarfodydd hyn.
2. **Cyfarfu'r Pwyllgor Gwaith ar dri achlysur:** 14 Hydref, 26 Ionawr ac 19 Mai, pob un drwy TEAMS. Ar ben hynny, cyfarfu'r aelodau mewn cyfarfodydd ychwanegol i ystyried materion a datblygiadau penodol o fewn y cwricwlwm. Cafodd y Pwyllgor Gwaith raglen lawn drwy gydol y flwyddyn a oedd yn cynnwys:
 - a. Ystyried ac ymateb i'r datblygiadau oedd yn uniongyrchol gysylltiedig ag AG o fewn y Cwricwlwm i Gymru. Cyfarfu cynrychiolwyr o Bwyllgor Gwaith CCYSAGauC â chydweithwyr Llywodraeth Cymru ac eraill sawl gwaith yn ystod y flwyddyn, yn cynnwys cyfarfod gyda Rudi Lockhart, Prif Swyddog Gweithredol Cyngor Addysg Grefyddol Cymru a Lloegr. Bu cydweithwyr Llywodraeth Cymru yn mynychu cyfarfodydd Pwyllgor Gwaith CCYSAGauC hefyd, gan roi diweddariadau ar gynnydd.
 - b. Cyfarfodydd gyda Kevin Palmer (LIC) a Swyddogion Pwyllgor Gwaith CCYSAGauC ar sawl achlysur i drafod sut a phryd y bydd pecyn dysgu proffesiynol yn cael ei ariannu a'i ddatblygu. Arweiniodd hyn at gynnig ffurfiol a fydd yn cael ei ddatblygu ymhellach yn y flwyddyn sy'n dod.
 - c. Aeth cynrychiolwyr i gyfarfod y Pwyllgor Plant, Pobl Ifanc ac Addysg ar ran CCYSAGauC i drafod CGM o fewn y Cwricwlwm i Gymru a Bil Cwricwlwm ac Asesu (Cymru).

- d. Paratoi papur briffio i Lywodraeth Cymru ym Medi 2020. Nod y papur oedd gwneud argymhellion i gefnogi Llywodraeth Cymru i ddarparu canllawiau priodol i Gynadleddau'r Maes Llafur Cytunedig, CYSAGau ac awdurdodau lleol, ar ddatblygu, argymhell a mabwysiadau'r Maes Llafur Cytunedig cyntaf i AG/CGM.
 - e. Paratowyd papur gan Edward Evans a oedd yn cofnodi pob agwedd o gylchlythyr 10/94 a fyddai'n dal i fod yn berthnasol yn dilyn bil y cwricwlwm newydd.
 - f. Ymateb i'r ymgynghoriad gan Gymwysterau Cymru ym mis Mawrth 2021, ar y cynigion ar gyfer y cymhwyster TGAU newydd i fyfyrwyr y dyfodol.
 - g. Cynnal perthynas CCYSAGauC gyda Chyngor Addysg Grefyddol Cyngor a Lloegr drwy gyfarfodydd gyda'r Dirprwy Gadeirydd, Dave Francis a chynrychiolwyr eraill.
 - h. Datblygu gwefan newydd CCYSAGauC.
 - i. Adolygu'r llawlyfrau sy'n bodoli'n barod megis 'Felly rydych yn ymuno â'ch CYSAG lleol'; a dogfennau ar Addoli ar y Cyd.
 - j. Diweddariadau rheolaidd ar y canllawiau CGM drwy ymateb i'r ymgynghoriad ar y ddogfen erbyn 16 Gorffennaf 2021.
 - k. Ystyried y newidiadau i arholiadau TGAU, UG a Safon Uwch Haf 2021 o ganlyniad i'r Coronafeirws a'r amrywiol gyfnodau clo. Sicrhaodd y pwyllgor gwaith eu bod yn deall y sefyllfa er mwyn gallu helpu a chefnogi'r athrawon yn eu Hawdurdodau Lleol.
 - l. Cysylltu â CBAC ynghylch ffioedd cyrsiau byr, a oedd yn golygu ffi taliad hwyr i bob canolfan os oeddent yn dymuno cofrestru myfyriwr i'r TGAU llawn yn dilyn canlyniadau da yn y cwrs byr. Roedd ymateb CBAC yn hynod o gadarnhaol a llwyddwyd i gael gwared ar y broblem hon.
 - m. Cafwyd trafodaethau ynglŷn â chynhadledd CCYSAGauC a sefydlwyd gweithgor bach i drafod a datblygu hyn ymhellach. Ar hyn o bryd mae'r grŵp yn disgwyl nes bod yr ymgynghoriad ar ganllawiau CGM a'r trafodaethau ar y pecyn Dysgu Proffesiynol wedi'u cwblhau cyn parhau i ddatblygu'r syniad hwn.
- 3. Cyfarfodydd Swyddogion y Pwyllgor Gwaith.** Er mai dim ond tri chyfarfod Pwyllgor Gwaith a gafwyd yn ystod y flwyddyn, bu nifer o gyfarfodydd rhwng y Swyddogion Gweithredol. Cynhaliwyd y canlynol gyda chynrychiolwyr Llywodraeth Cymru fel a ganlyn:

22 Hydref 2020

3 Tachwedd 2020 – gyda Kevin Palmer ynglŷn â Dysgu Proffesiynol

17 Rhagfyr 2020

8 Ionawr 2021 – gyda Kevin Palmer ynglŷn â Dysgu Proffesiynol

21 Ebrill 2021

Ebrill 2021 – gyda Kevin Palmer ynglŷn â Dysgu Proffesiynol

Cafwyd hefyd nifer o gyfarfodydd rhwng Swyddogion er mwyn llenwi gwahanol Ddogfennau Ymgynghorol gan Lywodraeth Cymru, ayb.

4. **Cyfrifon:** Adroddiad y Trysorydd 2019-2020. Cyflwynwyd datganiad o gyfrifon ac adroddiad yn esbonio'r wybodaeth. Nodwyd ei bod yn ymddangos fod llai o incwm eleni gan nad oedd 5 CYSAG wedi gwneud taliadau yn ystod y flwyddyn gyfrifo. Fodd bynnag, derbyniwyd y taliadau hyn ers hynny. Datganwyd fod elw ar y flwyddyn flaenorol a bod y sefyllfa ariannol yn iach iawn. Nodwyd fod treuliau cyfarfodydd wedi gostwng o'u cymharu â'r llynedd. Costiodd y wefan yn ddrutach na'r disgwyl. Nodwyd hefyd y bu cynnydd mewn talu athrawon llanw oherwydd bod yr Ysgrifennydd Cydlyn yn athrawes mewn swydd. Penderfynwyd yn flaenorol mewn Cyfarfod Blynyddol y byddai CCYSAGauC yn talu i lanw dros athrawon sy'n dymuno gwasanaethu ar y Pwyllgor Gwaith. Cynigiwyd cynnydd i'r tanysgrifiad blynyddol yn unol â chwyddiant o 2% i £470 a chytunwyd ar hyn.
5. **Aelodau newydd o'r Pwyllgor Gwaith:** Yng Nghyfarfod Blynyddol Hydref 2020 etholwyd dau aelod i'r pwyllgor gwaith am y cyfnod 2020-2023: Phil Lord (Sir Ddinbych) a John Meredith (Powys). Yn ychwanegol, etholwyd y Parchedig. Dr. Tania Ap Sion yn Is-gadeirydd.
6. **Cyflwyniadau PYCAG a CCYSAGauC:** Gan nad oedd 'cyfarfodydd corfforol' cadwyd cyflwyniadau PYCAG i'r isafswm er mwyn canolbwyntio ar y blaenoriaethau mwyaf taer.

Yng nghyfarfod Caerffili ar 23 Mawrth, cafwyd cyflwyniad gan Paula Webber ar y Bil Cwricwlwm ac Asesu (Cymru), lle'r amlinellodd y sefyllfa oedd ohoni gyda'r Bil, y prif newidiadau mewn deddfwriaeth a fydd yn effeithio ar CGM, a'r camau nesaf i GYSAGau.

Bydd cyfarfod Powys ar 26 Mehefin yn cael cyflwyniad a baratowyd gan Libby Jones a Tania ap Sion ar ymgynghoriad Llywodraeth Cymru ar y canllawiau Drafft i Grefydd, Gwerthoedd a Moeseg, cyn trafodaeth ar ymateb CCYSAGau i'r canllawiau.

Report of the activities of the Association 2020-2021

This year has continued to be difficult as the pandemic affected us all in various ways. When we held our last AGM on the 7th of October via TEAMS, we all hoped that there would be no more lockdowns and we would begin recovering from the pandemic; but as we well know, this was not the case. We have continued with lockdowns and restrictions, with all meetings taking place via TEAMS and other digital platforms. The impact of the pandemic continues to be felt, but the work of WASACRE has carried on at a pace and this is due to the commitment of our executive members and officers, who have worked tirelessly to keep the development of RE on the minds of educators and Welsh Government as they continued to develop the curriculum for Wales.

7. **This year the Association met only on two occasions**, as our AGM was delayed until the 7th of October: Our spring meeting on the 23rd of March was hosted by Caerphilly SACRE through TEAMS. Our Summer meeting, to be held on the 16th Of June through TEAMS with Powys as the host SACRE. We are grateful for the continued support of SACRE's with their hosting of these meetings.

8. **The Executive Committee met on three occasions**: 14th of October, 26th of January and the 19th of May, all of which took place on-line through TEAMS. In addition, members met in extra meetings to consider specific issues and developments within the curriculum. The Executive Committee had a full agenda throughout the year that included:
 - a. Considering and responding to the developments relating directly to RE within the Curriculum for Wales. Representatives from the WASACRE Executive Committee met with Welsh Government colleagues and others on a number of occasions throughout the year, including a meeting with Rudi Lockhart, Chief Executive Officer of the Religious Education Council for England and Wales. Welsh Government colleagues have also attended WASACRE Executive meetings, and they have given updates on progress.
 - b. Meetings with Kevin Palmer (WG) and Officers of the WASACRE Executive on numerous occasions to discuss how and when a professional learning package will be funded and developed. This has progressed to a focused proposal which will be further developed in the coming year.
 - c. Representatives attended the Children, Young People and Education Committee meeting on behalf of WASACRE to discuss RVE within the Curriculum for Wales and the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill.
 - d. Preparation of a briefing paper for Welsh Government September 2020. The aim of the paper was to make recommendations to support Welsh Government in providing appropriate guidance for ASCs, SACREs and local authorities (LAs), on the development, recommendation and adoption the first RE/RVE Agreed Syllabus.
 - e. Preparation of a paper by Edward Evans recording all aspects of circular 10/94 that would still be relevant following the new curriculum bill.

- f. Responding to the consultation by qualifications Wales in March 2021, on the proposals for the new GCSE qualifications for future students.
- g. Maintaining WASACRE's relationship with the RE Council for England and Wales through meetings with Deputy Chair, Dave Francis and other representatives.
- h. The development of the new WASACRE Website.
- i. Revising existing handbooks such as 'So you are joining your local SACRE;' and Collective worship documentation.
- j. Regular Updates of the RVE guidance through to responding to the consultation on the document by the 16th of July 2021.
- k. Considering amendments to Summer 2021 GCSE, AS and A Level examinations due to Coronavirus and various lockdowns. The executive ensured clarity of understanding to assist and support the teachers within their Local Authorities.
- l. Contact with WJEC regarding short course fees, which meant a late payment fee for all centres if they wished to enter a student for the full GCSE following good short course results. WJEC response was extremely positive and resulted in the removal of this issue.
- m. Discussions regarding a WASACRE conference took place and a small working group was set up to discuss and develop this further. At present the group is waiting for the completion of the consultation on the RVE guidance and the discussions on the Professional Learning package prior to continuing with the development of the concept.

9. Executive Officers meetings. Although there were only three Executive Committee meetings in the course of the year there have been a number of Executive Officer meetings. The following have been with representatives of Welsh Government as follows:

22 October 2020

3 November 2020 – with Kevin Palmer regarding Professional Learning

17 December 2020

8 January 2021 – with Kevin Palmer regarding Professional Learning

21 April 2021

April 2021 – with Kevin Palmer regarding Professional Learning

There has also been a number of meetings between Officers in order to complete various WG Consultation Documents, etc.

10. Accounts: The Treasurer's report for 2019-2020. A statement of accounts and a report explaining the information was presented. It was noted that there appears to be less income this year due to 5 SACREs having not made payments during the accounting year. However, these payments had since been received. A profit was declared on the previous year and that the financial position is very healthy. It was

noted that meeting expenses are down on last year. The website has incurred a greater expense as expected. It was also noted there was an increase in payment of supply cover due to the Co-ordinator Secretary being a serving teacher. It had been previously decided in an AGM that WASACRE should pay for the supply cover of teachers who wish to serve on the Executive Committee. An increase to the yearly subscription in line with inflation of 2% to £470 was proposed and agreed to.

11. New members of the Executive Committee: At the Autumn AGM 2020 two members were elected to the executive committee for the period of 2020-2023: Phil Lord (Denbighshire) and John Meredith (Powys). Additionally, Revd. Dr. Tania Ap Sion was elected as Vice-chair.

12. NAPfRE and WASACRE presentations: As there were no 'physical meetings' NAPfRE presentations have been kept to a minimum and focused on the most immediate priority.

The Caerphilly meeting on the 23rd of March received a presentation from Paula Webber on the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill, where she outlined the current situation with the Bill, the main changes in legislation which will affect RVE, and the next steps for SACRE's.

The Powys meeting on the 26th of June will receive a presentation prepared by Libby Jones and Tania ap Sion on the Welsh Government Consultation of the Draft Religion, Values and Ethics guidance, prior to a discussion on WASACRE's response to the guidance.