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SAN DIEGO SCHOOL INTEGRATION TASK FORCE
MAY 8, 1979

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 p.m.

The Chairman introduced two of the people in our audience, Yvonne Larson and Fran Anderson with San Diego City Schools. Also present were monitors and observers.

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Judy McDonald made a motion, T. Johnson seconded, that the section in the minutes of 4/24/79 regarding Veronica Roeser's comments show that Ms. Roeser reminded us that Number 6 in the Judge's Charge means that we don't have to be limited to the first 5 charges. The motion was passed by the Task Force.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joe Watson has resigned from the TF making the total membership 18.

MEETING WITH JUDGE WELSH

There was a meeting of the Executive Committee with Judge Welsh last week. Preceding this meeting, Judge Welsh held a meeting with the Plaintiffs, Defendants, Bill Kolender, and Hal Brown. Various issues were discussed concerning the TF and where Judge Welsh thought it was going. He suggested that after the June report, we regroup and make a determination as to what TF members wish to continue on the TF. He was not prepared to make a decision as to the future of the TF monitors. Chances are we will in fact continue next year with the monitors and TF people. There was discussion regarding the fact that we are not all professional educators or people who are behavioral evaluators. In his judgement this is a valuable thing. He wants for us to continue without the use of a professional group. He also stated that our report is due to him on June 8. Prior to that date the rough draft of the report will be shown to and discussed with all members of our TF. We will have one week to make any changes based on input from monitors. June 25, 26, and 27 there will be hearings on the Integration Plan for 1979-80. Plaintiffs and defendants will testify. Anyone else can testify with the Judge's approval. A copy of his order is attached. All material will be used in his evaluation. Any monitor who wants to appear before him can. Basically, he was satisfied with the progress he felt we were making. He wanted us to do our best to be as specific as possible. He also felt the information provided by monitors should in fact be analyzed by us. The decision he makes will be based on information from plaintiffs, defendants, school board, people in the community and whoever else is testifying during those 3 days. He will also take under advisement the addition of any other individuals to the TF.

BENCHLEY SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL, AND OPTIONAL ZONES

Ms. Ronnie Rossman made a statement to the TF regarding the Benchley school situation. (A copy of her statement is attached.) Her

statement mentioned that parents are not getting information they ask for and some students are given erroneous information. Ed Fletcher said that he would like the names of anyone who has been uncooperative and he would take steps to correct the problem. The Chairman pointed out that Benchley School was brought to the attention of Judge Welsh and he was asked if the TF should get involved in these issues. It was the Judge's feeling that if in the minds of the TF members these 3 issues had an effect on the voluntary integration plan that we should in fact get involved and he would welcome any recommendations in our June report.

George Gildred made a motion, Lee Grissom seconded, that the TF move away from these 3 items and get down to the items at hand. Bill Rohan did not agree with Mr. Gildred. His opinion was that optional zones have been used to set up segregation for years. Beverly Yip agreed with B. Rohan. She said that integration is a very complex issue and the Judge's orders are broad enough that we can legitimately get involved. The Chairman pointed out that the TF took on the subject of violence in the schools, so there is a precedence for things not specifically listed in the Judge's order. Lee Grissom pointed out that Judge Welsh is already taking a look at University High School and he is taking testimony from both sides. H. Brown said that the TF has got to get some information on the Benchley problem and optional zones because these two subjects will be discussed on May 15. Mrs. Larson (S.D. City Schools) said that she did not come prepared to speak on the subject but she would send information for us to mail out with our minutes and asked to be placed on our agenda for the next TF meeting. The Chairman asked Mr. Gildred if he still wanted a vote on his motion and he said no.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Wednesday and Thursday are the first two meetings. All TF members are expected to be there. The meetings will not be taped, as they are community meetings not hearings. Tom Johnson pointed out that May 17 is the 25th anniversary of the Brown vs. Board of Education decision. It is also the night of a community meeting. He requested an appropriate observance of that date by the TF prior to the meeting. H. Brown said the TF will consider it.

MONITOR MEETINGS

T. Johnson, Judge Keep, and B. Yip will be meeting with the Learning Center monitors on May 21.

B. Rohan will be scheduling the meeting of the magnet school monitors. This will include about 60 monitors and a few TF members.

P. Del Campo will schedule the meeting of the VEEP monitors.

The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for:

TUESDAY, MAY 22, 1979
3:30 P.M.
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER
ROOM 302
1600 PACIFIC HWY.

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