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SAN DIEGO SCHOOL INTEGRATION TASK FORCE
APRIL 24, 1979

MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 3:50 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Hal Brown made some changes in the minutes in the paragraph that dealt with the dismissal of monitors (please see attached revised page). The words were changed but the meaning remained the same. There were no objections to the changes.

The Chairman asked if everyone had received an invitation to the Urban League Educational Conference. He then asked if anyone knew why they had received their invitations so late. There was a woman in the audience from the Urban League and she explained that it probably had to do with where our names were on their mailing lists. She also gave a brief description of the activities that would take place at this conference. Friday evening Clarence Pendleton would give the keynote speech, and Saturday is when the actual workshops would take place. Hal Brown mentioned that he had attended a couple of the Urban League's Educational Conferences in the past and they had been very good. He thought this one might be pretty interesting to us because they do have a session that will be on integration in the schools. He urged all of the TF members to be there, especially in light of the recent article that appeared in the newspaper as a result of the Urban League's press conference.

The Chairman stated that he found fault with the criticism and conclusions in the article because the Urban League never came to the Task Force and never asked the TF any questions. Hal Brown said that he took issue with the part that stated that the Charge was not clear. He had had no trouble with the Charge because the Judge made it pretty clear what he wanted us to do. The woman from the Urban League said that in their news conference they came out in favor of the voluntary program and would not want to see a mandated program appear. They tried to place the burden on the parents.

CORRESPONDENCE
The correspondence that has come in is primarily from people who are interested in being monitors. We will write them a letter telling them that we will hold on to their applications until next year. We will keep the monitors we have and do the best we can at this time.

DISCUSSION OF REPORT TO JUDGE WELSH
Veronica Roeser was present at the meeting and made a few comments. She stated that when the Judge gave the Charge to the Task Force, the idea of the Task Force and the idea of monitors was essentially patterned after such places as Denver. However, we have since

talked about the difference in the situation in Denver from San Diego. In Denver they have a comprehensive desegregation plan which is desegregating schools. In San Diego there is no comprehensive desegregation plan. We have a plan that has been going now for almost two years, but the Judge is here asking the TF to do something different than the Judge in Denver. He is asking the TF for input into the process of judicial examination. She referred to the Task Force report, pages 5 & 6, which expressed some concerns with respect to Learning Centers. These are questions that must be answered this year, and she wasn't quite sure that the TF is aware of the fact that these questions are meant to be answered by the first week in June.

She also mentioned that plaintiff's representatives who come to the meetings are very anxious to help in anyway that they can. She and the representatives could still be of some assistance in working out methods of better monitoring and so forth. The Chairman said that this would be a part of the discussion with the Judge next week.

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Judy McDonald stated that this situation has come up because Benchley was before the school board as to whether or not it was going to be relocated. She received calls from parents and her concern was that the TF had never discussed any of these kinds of things, and these are things that are somewhat involved in the whole aura of the Voluntary Integration plan. Tom Johnson stated that our Charge is to evaluate the desegregation program. The other things would be apart; something that we would consider only as it materially affected the program. Judy McDonald said these things were not clear. The parents at Benchley were arguing for remaining on site because they felt they were an effective voluntary integration effort. They then turned to her for input.

Hal Brown said that the subject of optional areas raises a serious question as to whether or not that has some negative impact on the progress of the integration plan and in that light it merits discussion by the TF. The Chairman said that the question is does making that policy have a negative effect on the voluntary integration program. If it does, then it becomes our charge. These are the kinds of questions we should be asking the Judge on May 1.

Teacher Questionnaires - These will be distributed to the teachers and put in their boxes. Ed Fletcher will send out a circular to all the school tomorrow informing them of this. He suggested that we make the answers "check-off" with very little writing or else we are not going to have much response.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

The meetings have been scheduled and our letter informing parents of the meetings has been turned over to the school district for duplication and distribution. 113,000 students will have the information to give to the parents asking them to participate. All TF members are expected to be there and we will have tables and chairs set up in front of the room where all TF members will be seated and identified by name. The meetings will last approximately 2 hours. Written statements by interested citizens will be read.

Ed Fletcher asked what the format of the meetings would be and Hal Brown said he would send him something in writing. Ed Fletcher also said that since he had just received our letter on this date it would not be ready for distribution until a few days from now. Hal Brown stated that he had made this request of the school district quite some time ago and it is in the Judge's Charge of March 15 that the school district is responsible for distributing this information to its constituents. Ed Fletcher said it was his understanding the TF was going to do this. Hal Brown said that when he asked the School District for cooperation he was only instructed as to what he had to do to get the letter out. When he had previously asked the school district if they could do the printing and distribution, they said no. He was told that the TF had to get the printing and mailing done.

A day long session has been planned for the Task Force to work on the June report and other items. The date has been set for:

TUESDAY, MAY 15, 1979
8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
POLICE DEPT. PISTOL RANGE
NORTH SIDE OF HWY 94 ON FEDERAL
JUST EAST OF HOME AVE.

This will be an Executive Session type of meeting. In other words--No media. All Task Force members please attend and please be there by 8:30 a.m.!

The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for:

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 1979
3:30 P.M.
EAST S. D. ADULT CENTER
5350 UNIVERSITY AVE., RM 155
SAN DIEGO

REVISED: 2/15/79

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INTEGRATION TASK FORCE MEMBERS

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George GILDRED	President	Gildred Building Company 770 "B" Street San Diego, CA 92101	232-6361
A*Lee GRISSOM can't attend; will be in Sacto.	Executive Vice President & General Manager	San Diego Chamber of Commerce 110 W. "C" Street - Suite 1600 San Diego, CA 92101	232-0124
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✓Committee Chairman

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