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SAN DIEGO INTEGRATION TASK FORCE MEETING
Monday, September 8, 1980

MINUTES

Members Present:
Hal Brown (Chair)
Judy McDonald (1st Vice-Chair)
Fred Castro, Esq. (2nd Vice-Chair)
Jerry Baker
Richard Calvin
Morris Casuto
The Honorable Joseph Davis
Larry Gonzales
Ann Hunsaker
The Honorable Judith McConnell
Alan McCutcheon
Dr. Ralph Ocampo
Clarence Pendleton
Hartwell Ragsdale
Delia Talamantez
Eunice Winston

Members Absent:
Jim Anderson
Dr. Lillian Beam
Tom Carter
Irma Castro
Bill Rohan
Beverly Yip

The meeting came to order at 4:15 p.m.

The Chairman welcomed the new Task Force members, visitors, and monitors. This was the first Task Force meeting of the year and was an introductory meeting. The Chairman asked the TF members to introduce each other and declared a 10 minute recess for members to learn about each other. The Chair then introduced:

Bob Filner, School Board Member
Shuf Swift, Representative of Plaintiffs
Ed Fletcher, Representing Dr. Tom Goodman

There were 10 monitors in the audience who introduced themselves. Judge Welsh issued his Memorandum of Opinion on this date. The Task Force had not yet received a copy and the Chair had received a copy just prior to the meeting. No comments were made on Judge Welsh's decision.

The Task Force agreed that 4:00 p.m., on the first Monday of each month was a convenient time for everyone to meet. Meetings will be scheduled at one of the 23 isolated schools. The minutes will include a notice and reminder of where each meeting will take place. This was the last meeting held at the Urban League and the Chairman thanked Clarence Pendleton and his staff for making their facility available as well as for providing coffee for the meetings.

A Monitors' Orientation Meeting was held Saturday, September 6, and Hal, Morris, and Judy met with them. There are 21 monitors returning from last year. All but 6 were at the orientation. They were encouraged to come to today's meeting and any other Task Force meeting they choose. The first monitors' report is due at the November 4 Task Force meeting. Monitors will not be assigned to schools.

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They have been divided into five teams of four. The areas they will be covering are: learning centers, magnet programs, elementary exchange, secondary exchange, and race/human relations. Judy McDonald will be supervising them and meeting with them in small groups.

Last year, the Race/Human Relations Program committee of the Task Force hired the consultant services of Dr. Robert Guthrie to develop an instrument that would measure the progress of the Race/Human Relations Program. Dr. Guthrie met with Beverly Yip who was chairing that committee last year. Dr. Guthrie has interesting data which he will present to us at our next TF meeting. This preliminary data will be part of our report. The Chairman has also established a committee made up of people who have some professional background in the area of race/human relations. This committee will be chaired by Dr. Marvalene Styles, Director of the Counseling and Placement Office at San Diego State University.

The Chairman asked the new TF members to please review the documents that were sent to them as background information on the lawsuit filed in 1977. Of particular importance he said was the TF report to Judge Welsh last year. He also asked the TF members to familiarize themselves with the School District Plan, Evaluation of the Plan, as well as the race/human relations material. This will be discussed at the next Task Force meeting. Judge Welsh has not yet issued his Charge to the Task Force for this year and the Chairman does not know what he will ask us to do. What the Judge has asked us to do in the past is to monitor and evaluate programs that are operating in the San Diego School District schools. There are over 100,000 students in the San Diego School District and the Judge, on the basis of the lawsuit case, has said to the school district that they should integrate 23 of those schools that have been designated by the Court as racially isolated.

Is there reasonable progress toward desegregation of those 23 isolated schools? The Court must evaluate whether that plan is sufficient to cause or result in reasonable progress during the year and the Task Force role is to provide information to the Court. The conclusion at the end of the year was that the school district was not getting the necessary leadership from the school board. Areas of progress were pointed out. The Chairman hopes that not only will the Task Force be evaluating the activities taking place but that the Task Force will work closely with the school board and the district so as to be able to give them our feelings about their activities on an ongoing basis. The Judge takes the reports provided by the TF, the Plaintiffs, and the Defendants and evaluates all that information. The result is his Memorandum of Opinion. Our purpose is to get as much information as we can and submit our findings and recommendations to the Judge.

In the past the Task Force has had the policy of restricting any comment to the news media unless given by the Chair or Vice-Chair and we will continue to hold with that policy. Because the Task Force is an arm of the court anything said may have some effect on the case. The Chairman would like to have a media conference and asked that the Task Force members be available for interview once the Charge is released. Membership on the Task Force and the identity of monitors was not widely known in the past. This year the Chairman will make that information available to the media. He asked the Task Force to use good judgement when talking to the media. Positions taken by the Task Force will be released by the Chair or the Vice-Chair.

There will be an informal gathering of the Task Force on October 3, 1980, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Hal Brown's home.

THE NEXT TASK FORCE MEETING WILL BE HELD SEPTEMBER 22, 1980, AT 4:00 P.M. AT KENNEDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 445 SOUTH 47th STREET.

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I. Introductions

II. Schedule of Meetings (Day, Time, Location)

III. Report on Monitors' Orientation Meeting - J. McDonald

IV. Review of Integration Documents

*Next Integration Task Force Meeting: September 22, 1980.

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