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SAN DIEGO INTEGRATION TASK FORCE MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1980
MINUTES

Members Present
Hal Brown, Chair
Judy McDonald, 1st Vice-Chair
Fred Castro, 2nd Vice-Chair
Jim Anderson
Jerry Baker
Dr. Lillian Beam
Richard Calvin
Irma Castro
Morris Casuto
Larry Gonzales
Ann Hunsaker
Alan McCutcheon
Bill Rohan
Delia Talamantez
Eunice Winston
Beverly Yip

Members Absent:
Tom Carter
Judge Joseph Davis
Judge Judy McConnell
Mike Madigan
Dr. Ralph Ocampo
Clarence Pendleton
Hartwell Ragsdale

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

The Chairman introduced:

Mr. Roger Challberg, Principal, Kennedy Elementary
Dr. Tom Goodman, Superintendent
Mrs. Yvonne Larsen, President, Board of Education
Dr. Bob Filner, School Board Member
Mr. John Witt, School Board Member
Ms. Yvonne Johnson, Urban Affairs Director, Community Relations Division

The Chairman also introduced Task Force members who were not present at the last Task Force meeting:

Mr. Jim Anderson
Dr. Lillian Beam
Ms. Irma Castro
Mr. Bill Rohan
Ms. Beverly Yip

The minutes were approved as written and distributed. The minutes were corrected to include Mike Madigan's name on the list of members who were not at the last Task Force meeting.

The Chairman introduced Dr. Robert Guthrie, a consultant who has been conducting a Race/Human Relations Program study for the Task Force. Dr. Guthrie presented some information which will be included in a final report to the Task Force at the end of September. Dr. Guthrie explained that the Task Force wanted to acquire hard baseline data on the Race/Human Relations Program. The purpose of the survey was to try to tap into the attitudes of the children in the junior and senior high schools in San Diego as well as the parents' attitudes toward the Race/Human Relations Program. This information would allow a measure of progress or no progress from this point. Questionnaires were mailed out to a sample population of about 10,000 students. Dr. Guthrie had about a 20% return rate. Highlights of the presentation were: most of the students were not in the VEEP Program; he received

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more responses from the junior highs than the senior high schools; Lincoln High School had less than 1% return rate; a very small percentage of the parents indicated that they had participated in their child's race/human relations program; most who are attending the RHRP are minorities; a low percentage of the district's students are involved in the Race/Human Relations Program. This gives us some information we may want to use later in terms of setting some direction or goals.

Judy McDonald said that she is concerned with the number of schools showing low numbers of students being involved. The Chairman appointed a Race/Human Relations Program Committee to look at Dr. Guthrie's report and become familiar with the data. He appointed the following committee members: Beverly Yip (she will continue to be Chairperson of this committee), Morris Casuto, Delia Talamantez, and Jerry Baker.

Ed Fletcher was asked if his office was aware of the low percentage of participation. He said that his office was aware of it and he and Yvonne Johnson have been working on a report to the Board with recommendations as to ways that would improve the statistics that Dr. Guthrie presented.

The Task Force has appointed Dr. Marvalene Styles to chair a committee composed of people with background in race/human relations. Dr. Styles is presently trying to put a committee together and welcomes any recommendations of persons who can contribute to this committee. She can be reached at San Diego State University at 265-6410.

Mr. Castro asked if at this point the District does not have a good monitoring system that tells whether the race/human relations program is working in the schools. Mr. Fletcher said that they do but it needs to be improved.

Morris Casuto asked the Chair to request that Dr. Guthrie pull together all the information he was able to obtain on the VEEP Program.

Judge Welsh's Memorandum of Intended Decision - Fred Castro
Mr. Castro explained that the Memorandum is a document in which Judge Welsh states what he will put in the form of an Order. Generally, until the Order is prepared both the Plaintiffs and Defendants have an opportunity to have input until that time it becomes an Order. It is very important that all Task Force members, committee members, and parents read the intended Decision. The Court is saying that progress is not being made and more drastic measures may have to be used. If something isn't done the District could be faced with mandatory assignments. This was Mr. Castro's interpretation as he read the Decision.

Ann Hunsaker pointed out that on Page 8 of the Memorandum the Court stated that the RHRP was not mentioned in the District's evaluation, and since this is of very high priority with the Task Force and the Judge she asked why this was not mentioned. Mr. Fletcher said that there are many different means that are used in evaluating the RHRP. There has been an evaluation done annually with the Oscar Kaplan survey. But it has never been a part of the evaluation document. This is the third year that there has been an evaluation report, and the RHRP has never been included. Mrs. Larsen said that they were also aware that the Task Force was doing an evaluation. The Board is interested in assessing which programs are outstanding and moving along and those programs that have not been working successfully. This information will be made available to the Court.

Jerry Baker made reference to Page 5 of Judge Welsh's Memorandum in which he states that there has been a deterioration of the District's credibility because of lack of candor. Mr. Baker asked that the Task Force assess the areas in which we feel that the District needs to do a better job in communicating with us and the Judge in order to improve the Judge's perception of the situation.

THE NEXT TASK FORCE MEETING WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 6, 1980, AT 4:00 P.M. AT STOCKTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 415 31st STREET, SAN DIEGO (ONE BLOCK SOUTH OF 31st AND MARKET)