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SAN DIEGO INTEGRATION TASK FORCE MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1980
MINUTES

Members Present:
Hal Brown, Chair
Judy McDonald, 1st Vice-Chair
Jim Anderson
Jerry Baker
Dr. Lillian Beam
Richard Calvin
Tom Carter
Morris Casuto
Larry Gonzales
Ann Hunsaker
Judge Judy McConnell
Mike Madigan
Clarence Pendleton
Hartwell Ragsdale
Bill Rohan
Delia Talamantez
Eunice Winston
Beverly Yip

Members Absent:
Fred Castro, 2nd Vice-Chair
Irma Castro
Judge Joseph Davis
Alan McCutcheon
Dr. Ralph Ocampo

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Minutes were approved as written and distributed.

JUDGE WELSH'S CHARGE
There are nine items listed in the Judge's Charge. The first concerns the race/human relations program. This is an urgent and important charge for the Task Force and will be regarded as top priority. A committee of professionals with background in race/human relations has been formed and is being chaired by Dr. Marvalene Styles.

There was considerable discussion and concern as to the role the Task Force should be playing. Clarence Pendleton asked whether the Task Force should be auditing programs before they go into operation, but rather monitor what the superintendent and his staff have put together without commenting so soon. He feels that something should be happening before it can be audited. Delia Talamantez said that the Task Force should be making comments and asking questions all along. She pointed out that it was only because she asked at the last Task Force meeting that she was made aware of the fact that the District did not have a program in Spanish for monolingual children. This position was also taken by Dr. Lillian Beam.

The Chairman explained that in the past the Task Force has involved itself with monitoring the programs that were in existence. The Task Force has gone beyond that by making suggestions to various administrators. He also said that Judge Welsh has not voiced any objections to the interpretation of his Charge in the way the Task Force has been doing things. Dr. Beam said that part of our role is to make suggestions. Our purpose is to help the School District in any way we can towards achieving integration. Clarence feels the District staff and Board have to put something in place for us to monitor and evaluate.

Morris Casuto said that when a program is presented before implementation and when we find gaps it is the responsibility of the Task Force to bring the gaps to the attention of the School Board. That does not mean that we bring the solutions with us.

The Chairman accepted the concerns expressed at the meeting as precautionary, and the Task Force will continue in the way it has been operating in the past.

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The objectives we are looking at are: 1) to bring about reasonable progress in desegregating the 23 isolated schools, and 2) to increase the quality of education in the 23 isolated schools.

Judy McDonald gave a brief history of the SCPA and how it came to the attention of the Task Force. The Task Force did comment on this issue last spring. The SCPA came to the attention of the TF when a recommendation by the District appeared before the School Board that Collier be the site for the SCPA. Mr. Ambrose Brodus, of the Urban League, appeared before the Task Force at that time registering a statement that said that O'Farrell should be considered as an alternative. The Task Force then took up the issue and evaluated it and came to the conclusion that placing the SCPA at Collier did not meet the objective of bringing about the desegregation of the 23 isolated schools.

Morris Casuto expressed concern about our instrusion into specifics. He feels it is inappropriate for the Task Force to go into specifics in terms of locations and specific schools.

The Chairman asked if the Task Force wished to let its previous statement in a letter dated February 15, 1980, to the Board remain intact or reaffirm it. The intent of the statement was to express to the Board that the Task Force felt that the SCPA should be placed in one of the 23 designated isolated schools. A motion was made and seconded to reaffirm the TF position of February 15, 1980. There was discussion and concern expressed by some of the newer TF members because they did not know what that TF position was. The motion passed: 9 votes for, 5 against, and 2 abstentions.

Beverly Yip made a motion that the TF abide by its recommendation that the SCPA should go into one of the 23 isolated schools, however, the TF should take into consideration the need of the SCPA for a total site. This motion was defeated.

THE NEXT TASK FORCE MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 27, 1980, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE JUNIOR LEAGUE BOARD ROOM, HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY, IN BALBOA PARK. THIS MEETING WILL BE A CLOSED MEETING.

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The Task Force in Executive Session continued its discussion on the role of the Task Force. The Task Force reports to Judge Welsh but can make recommendations to the school board. Recommendations to the Board can be made in writing or by any designess of the Task Force. It is important that all the Task Force members have the same information before they discuss or make any decision on an issue. One Task Force member said that it is Judge Welsh's obligation to define our role. The Chairman explained that he communicates to the Task Force what the Judge's expectations are, and in the case where this communication is in doubt or the Chair feels he is not clear, then Judge Welsh should be invited to come in and give an explanation. The Chairman would like to give the Task Force the interpretation of what the Judge's feelings are and if that is not accurate he would be responsible for giving that interpretation. Judge Welsh expects that the Chairman will meet with him on any issue at any time.

Dr. Beam said that she felt the role of the Task Force had been explained to her: 1)that the TF monitors and members analyze what is happening in the school district, 2)if there are other issues the TF feels pertinent to the progress of integration the TF can make recommendations, 3)that the Task Force make recommendations if it feels it advisable.

Tip Calvin asked what our sources of information were. The Chairman explained that the TF receives information from the school district, committees at large, consultants, plaintiffs, and monitors.

A motion was made with regard to the SCPA: That the Task Force write a letter to the school board suggesting that they put the SCPA at one of the 23 isolated schools, and that it be a school within a school magnet. If that doesn't work, then it should go to a tipping school with a declining enrollment. A suggestion was made that this motion be tabled because all the Task Force members had not received the same information. A vote on this motion was postponed until the next meeting in order to allow the TF members to receive additional information about SCPA.

SPECIAL AREAS

RACE RELATIONS:

Beverly Yip, Chairperson
Richard Calvin
Tom Carter
Mike Madigan
Delia Talamantez

EXCHANGE PROGRAMS AND LEARNING CENTERS:

Ann Hunsaker, Chairperson
Irma Castro
Larry Gonzales

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Bill Rohan, Chairperson
Jim Anderson
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Judge Joseph Davis
Judge Judith McConnell
Alan McCutcheon
Dr. Ralph Ocampo
Eunice Winston

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