

Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force
Civic Center, Lower Level, Room B-8
October 7, 2008
Minutes

I. Roll Call: Black, Bloom, Chancellor, Goldenberg, Inouye, Jackle, Provencher
Excused Absence: Chancellor, Breverman
Late: Black, Urashima
Staff Liaison: Elaine Kuhnke
HB High School Guest: Michael Folsom
OCHRC: Don Han

II. Welcoming Remarks: Provencher greeted the attendees.

III. Public Comment: None

IV. Approval of Minutes: September 2, 2008

Moved: Jackle; Second: Bloom: To accept September 2008 minutes.

Approved: 5; No: 0; Absent: 4 (Chancellor, Urashima, Black, Breverman)

V. Special Presentations:

Mr. Folsom, Indian Education Coordinator/Psychologist, outlined the program and the services he provides to high school students. He also presented a written summary of the program. In addition to cultural and tutoring aspects, Mr. Folsom is a school psychologist who provides individual counseling to students. An emphasis is put on helping to get the students ready for college. Approximately 1,000 students self identify as American Indians in the HB Union School District.

VI. Status Reports:

1. Report of HRTF Account Balance and Master Calendar Review:

Misc. Task Force Balance	\$2,378.80
HB Reads	<u>\$3,328.37</u>
Total	\$5,707.17

2. Report of September 2008 Hate Crimes/Incidents

Kuhnke reported in Sgt. Smith's absence:

September 4. Anti-gay graffiti. Unknown suspect.

September 17. African American victim found racial epithets written on note in mailbox. Unknown suspect.

3. Report of Orange County Human Relations News/ Activities

OCHR is sponsoring a Hate Crime Conference on October 17 at Coastline Community College. Inouye distributed a flyer with details of the Conference.

VII. Updates, Planning and Possible Actions pertaining to the following Events/programs:

1. Report of HRTF Student Representative Programs

No report given by Chancellor.

2. Report of OC Human Relations Bridges Programs

Han presented a detailed written update on the work of the Education Committee and the Bridges Program. International Week is set for the week of October 29-31. The Education Committee attracted 15 students to its recent meeting. They have elected officers and are planning to take their proposals to the HBHS Foundation for funding assistance. The students have elected officers and are considering plans to develop a human relations workshop for Saturday school students. Outreach to non-participating schools of Marina, Ocean View, Valley Vista, and Westminster is on going. Fountain Valley, Edison and HB High are currently represented.

Inouye requested that consideration be given to reactivating the Parent Leadership Institute training at HBHS as part of the city's education grant funds. A request was made by Black to review the current and previous education grant budgets received from the City at the November meeting before making a determination regarding expenditure of funds.

3. Federal Diversity Months

Black indicated her plans to contact the Library about organizing a book display that would correspond with the diversity months. Discussion was also had regarding the need for a new or abbreviated website address in order to better promote the program. Kuhnke reported that Mayor Cook announced that October is National Disability Employment Awareness month at the October 6, 2008 City Council meeting.

4. Making Victims Whole Program

Urashima reported that she made a presentation to the Coordinating Council and received positive feedback from attendees.

5. Planning for 2009 HB Reads One Book Event

Provencher presented a detailed written update on the HB Reads program. The website is up and running and Meredith Guthridge has been asked to visit HB and participate in the January 22 kick off or another event. Bloom volunteered to assist in fundraising for the program.

VIII. New Business: None

IX. Task Force Member Comments – Not Agendized

Kuhnke announced information relative to the Sister City Student Exchange Program.

Bloom offered her assistance in grant writing.

Jackle announced that she is a grandmother!

Han announced that a Gay Straight Alliance group has been formed at HBHS.

Inouye announced his attendance at a recent Asian-Pacific Islander candidate's night in Westminster.

X. Adjournment to November 4, 2008. City Hall, Lower Level, B-8. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.