

PRINCIPAL'S MEETING

Douglass Elem.

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7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The principals met on the above date at the Douglass Elementary School. Due to the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Alfred K. Talbot, Jr., Mr. Sydnor presided.

There were no minutes of the last meeting for Mr. Sydnor to have had read and no unfinished business to be carried on. For this reason, Mr. Sydnor suggested that it would be wise to have a secretary in order that we may keep a record of our activities. Mr. Sydnor said, "Since Mrs. Ellis has a notebook, I am going to ask her to act as secretary for tonight's meeting." Mr. Sydnor turned the meeting over to Mr. Gibson.

Mr. Gibson explained the purpose of the principals' meeting. It was a meeting to study and discuss problems that are dear to us. One of the most valuable means of promoting good relationships and understandings with teachers, pupils and parents is to know how they are thinking and what they would like to do. It would be impossible to make special visits. If problems were brought to the principal's meetings, he and Miss Cauthorne could discuss them with us and maybe, could speak of conditions with our superintendent if necessary.

Mr. Gibson reminded us of the report cards and the types of comments we were using on the first and second grade cards, also the rating for all grades. Since it would be impossible to do very much this year in changing the report cards, the Report Card Committee will continue to work.

Miss Cauthorne explained the importance of reading in our schools and the need of reading materials. In order to meet this condition, a rental system was suggested. The children would be able to use both series of basic readers. In the first three grades the reading material is limited. Through this rental system in these grades, the children would be able to read all series of basic readers. The books could be rented at a cost of \$2.50 per child a school term. A cheaper fee could be worked out between teacher and principal of school using the rental system.

Many teachers expressed their points of view upon the subject. It was quite a lengthy discussion and very interesting. Mrs. Redwood suggested she would work with her Junior League in order to secure funds to carry on the project for children unable to pay the rental fee. The discussion continued on until the idea arose about some type of a research program in order to reach the needs of slow readers. Mrs. Stewart explained to us methods used in another school system that helped to meet such needs. Due to the lateness of the hour, we had to stop this discussion in order to finish the work planned by Mr. Gibson. The reading program was left for us to continue at a later date.

Miss Cauthorne would like to have a Progress Report for all grades on Reading by January 31, 1953. Miss Cauthorne reminded us of the Speech Clinic which is part of our school program. The

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cost of the Speech Clinic was \$210.00. To date we are \$70.00 behind. Schools who had not reported will be heard from soon.

Mr. Gibson would like for us to give special attention to the following:

- A. I. Q. of all children on cumulative record.
- B. Birth certificate number on cumulative record.
- C. Professional Library --
  - 1. Douglass High School - center.
  - 2. All books turned into Miss Bell.
- D. Speech Clinic
- E. Principals' Long Term Planning Program.
- F. Special Problems for Principal's Meeting.
- G. Election of Officers.

Mr. Sydnor reminded us of the importance of evaluating our work and hope we would consider making some recommendations. Mr. Gibson emphasized the fact that such was in his mind in the beginning of organizing this group. And hope we will carefully think along the same lines--What have we done? How much have we accomplished?

Reporting,

Henrietta G. Ellis