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Principal's

Principal's Meeting
Douglass High School
November 15, 1954
7:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

The principals met on the above date with Mr. Drummond, chairman, presiding. We were not expecting a visitor so Mr. Drummond turned the meeting over to Mr. Gibson. The meeting was opened by Mr. Gibson who introduced to us Mr. Cowart. He is working with the Civil Defense Administration. Mr. Cowart explained the "Air Raid" instructions. These instructions were sent to all teachers from Mr. Gibson's office. Mr. Gibson is chief of all school activities for Civil Defense.

Mr. Cowart said, our first step is the realization of guiding and directing each student "What Civil Defense Stands For". You must follow the "Air Raid" instructions. Try to avoid excitement, move orderly to the assigned shelter, stay away from windows and remain there until you hear the all clear signal.

In case there is an attack, Washington would be hit the hardest and approximately eighty-five thousand people would come into Loudoun County for shelter, food and treatment. Mr. Cowart suggested the possibility of First Aid being taught to teachers and pupils in grades six and seven. You would get a "First Aid Card" after completing the course. This would enable you to administer first aid to anyone slightly hurt. The Red Cross would really take charge and would see that every one was made comfortable. The schools and churches would be used to shelter them. If you are not clear on the project and the purpose, send your questions to Mr. Gibson; if he can't answer them he will send them to me, I will send the answers back to Mr. Gibson and he will send them to you.

Mr. Sydnor asked about equipment. Mr. Cowart said we would not need any because the "Red Cross" would take care of such. He was most interested in knowing we would join hands and help as much as we could. Remember the instructions, organize your school for drills. Teachers should carry the small "Air Raid Instruction" card with them at all times. Principals driving were given an identification card to be placed in their car, which shows you are a member of the United State Civil Defense Corp. The information given by Mr. Cowart was interesting and we know there is a need of creating a community awareness of what Civil Defense is, the need and its purpose.

Mr. Gibson turned the meeting over to Mr. Drummond. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. Unfinished business was in order. Miss Cauthorne explained the Speech Clinic was conducted by Mr. Sies. He seems to be doing a very fine job. This year we are buying a "Tape Recorder" with the money left from last year's speech clinic.

The new business for discussion was the T.B. Seals. All schools will make their report - such unused seals returned - amount of money received to Miss Cauthorne.

Miss Cauthorne explained the Bulletin received from Mr. Claude Graham concerning the Guides on mathematics, music and physical education and just how we were expected to answer the questions concerning the Guides.

Mr. Gibson reported on the Introduction of the Mathematics Guide. These are just a few of the high points.

First the purpose of the school -
The aim of the public school system is to provide the opportunity for the greatest possible development of the child as an individual and a member of society.

Second the nature of learning -
Learning is a continuous process. Children grow through experiences which provide security and challenging adventure.

Third - class organization to meet individual needs.

These are just a few points from Mr. Gibson's report. If you care to have the whole report I am sure if you make such a request you will get it. In the meantime read the second paragraph on page 5 and 6 in your guide for further interesting facts on this subject.

The meeting was very interesting but the time would not permit us to continue. Mr. Drummond closed the meeting regretting all principals were not at this meeting.

Fred Drummond - Chairman
Henrietta G. Ellis - Secretary