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

The principals met on the above date, Mr. Sydnor, chairman, presiding! The meeting was declared in order and opened by repeating the Lord's Prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Unfinished business was discussed by Miss Cauthorne concerning the Speech Clinic. The report from the work of the Speech Clinic would not be made until the end of the school term. By that time all money would have been raised and plans to continue would be decided. So far, the Speech Clinic has been helpful and the money is on hand to carry on thus far. We hope to raise the remaining amount April 23, 1954.

The meeting was opened for new business. We were to continue our discussions on Tests. But we were honored to have Dr. Charles G. Souder with us. Mr. Sydnor turned the meeting over to Mr. Gibson who presented Dr. Souder to us and the purpose of his visit.

Dr. Souder explained the Polio Vaccine Test to be given April 12, 1954. Place - The Middleburg Center - and The Health Department, Leesburg, Virginia. This is a nation wide program and a wonderful opportunity for the parents in Loudoun County to have their children tested. Dr. Souder will attend the meeting in Richmond and on his return necessary arrangements and forms will be sent out.

Dr. Souder hopes to get the support of teachers and parents in this worthy cause. He also stated that the test is nothing to fear and the child will be protected. The vaccine will be given only after a written request from parents is received. The test will be given to children in the second grades. Each child will be carefully checked and each child given a serial number for the records. Each child will be observed for several years for signs of Polio. Dr. Souder's explanation of the Testing program was very interesting. We had an opportunity to ask questions and many questions were asked, one was the child's safety in being given the vaccine. Dr. Souder stated that all possible precautions will be taken to insure the safety of the child.

- A. These are the following points to remember
1. Three injections will be given
 - a. First will be given
 - b. Second - one week after the first
 - c. Third - four weeks after the second
 2. Accuracy in the names of children
 3. Signed consent from parents
 4. Children will come in alphabetical order
 5. Samples of blood from 100 children
 6. Select children not too fat - because viens can be found easily.
 7. Grades 1-2-3 for names and age, but grade 2 only will be given the test.

Mr. Sydnor thanked Dr. Souder for this wonderful information. We continued our meeting by Mr. Gibson reminding us of a few important facts. We must be careful concerning promotions and retentions. Keep in mind that we are not to discuss with pupils or parents that he or she is a failure.

In summing all that has been said, we found ourselves discussing reading. We can't get away from it. Many helpful suggestions and methods of approach for groups and individual differences were given. We talked, and talked and enjoyed each others point of view on the subject.

- B. The following tests are to be given in the Spring Elementary and High School
1. Grade 2: Gates Adv. Primary Reading Test Form 1 Type 1 & 2
 2. Grade 3: California Prog. Achiev. Test Primary Form AA
 3. Grade 4: California Prog. Achiev. Test
 4. Grade 5: Metropolitan Achiev. Test Int.- Form S
 5. Grade 6: Calif. Prog. Achiev. Test Form AA
 6. Grade 7: Iowa Silent Reading Form State
 7. Grade 8: Iowa Silent Reading
 8. Grade 10: California Prog. Achiev.-Adv. Form BB
- C. Notices will be sent out later

Miss Cauthorne explained how we may secure information for requesting a verification of Birth Registration. Miss Cauthorne explained how first grade teachers may work with parents of pre-school children. By meeting with parents and helping them to understand how to care for and prepare the child for school. Sometimes children may be of school age yet not ready for school. Miss Cauthorne mentioned the Rental System and felt a great deal of reading improvement will be obtained if we can get the Rental System started.

- D. Keep in mind the following Announcements:
1. March 25, 1954 at Carver School, 12:30 P.M. Canadian Representative program
 2. April 23, 1954 - "Around the World With Song and Dance" - at Carver 8:00 P.M. For the "Speech Program" Adults 35¢, children 15¢
 3. Dr. Jacques - Douglass High School

Mr. Sydnor closed the meeting until May 17, 1954.

Stephen M. Sydnor, Chairman
Henrietta G. Ellis, Secretary