

Principal's Meeting
Douglass High School
May 17, 1954
7:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

The principals met on the above date, Mr. Sydnor, Chairman presiding. The meeting was called to order and properly opened by repeating the Lord's Prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. Unfinished business was in order. Mr. Sydnor explained why we had not continued our discussion on Tests. In the previous meeting we gave our time and attention to Dr. Souder. This meeting would be for the election of officers and then turn the meeting over to Mr. Gibson. Due to the absence of a number of principals the election of officers was omitted until September. Roll calling seemed to have been in order and a must be present was stated. It is impossible for Mr. Gibson to get to all schools as often as he would like. Therefore, through these meetings he is able to explain important school matters, make suggestions, and in turn the principals can pass it on to their teachers. We only have five meetings during the school term. Principals please try to attend so all important matters can be properly carried out.

The new business was a report from the Speech Clinic. Mrs. Jackson gave a brief report of the work and the splendid cooperation from all of the schools in the county. The necessary amount of money needed had been raised and a balance in bank of \$120.06 with an assurance of \$25.00 being returned from the Health Department. Dr. Souder had been paid \$225.00 for the services of a speech specialist. The report was accepted and the meeting was turned over to Mr. Gibson.

Mr. Gibson said that he was very happy to know of the interest and cooperation shown. He also wanted to know in order to continue the program.--How much did we accomplish? How much help did we receive? The questions were answered and different opinions were discussed. It was brought out that in most of the schools the teacher could carry on without a specialist. There are a few cases where a specialist would be needed.

Mr. Gibson discussed the tests and the results of the tests throughout the county was most gratifying. He knew it could be done and the results showed we had been working. Yet, he wanted to know the Principals point of view. This was discussed and in many instances we all agreed that the reading program and other subjects were carried out so well that the children couldn't help but show signs of improvement. Miss Cauthorne stated how pleased she was and that the teachers had really done a good job.

Miss Cauthorne reminded us of the Reading Progress Sheet, Grades 1 - 7. Each teacher will make a report and send to Miss Cauthorne May 24, 1954. Miss Cauthorne also will check promotion request and a form will be given in case there are children to attend summer school. Mr. Gibson reminded us of the school or teacher to carry on this summer work was carefully selected and not someone that would receive a large sum of money and yet the child would not get full value from their service.

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

- A. Recording test results on cumulative record
- B. Go over cumulative records
- C. Principal see that cumulative records are filled out complete and before teachers leave
- D. Physical Education program
 - 1. Grades 1-12
 - 2. Individual Evaluation card for Physical Ed. for girls and boys
 - 3. Mr. Gibson will give assistance
 - 4. The Green Physical Ed. book will be used along with the cards.
- E. Music Program
 - 1. This is being worked out with Miss Cauthorne and a music supervisor
 - 2. Mr. Emerick will also send each teacher a music book sent out by the State Department.

The current trends of the "Ungraded Classroom and Self Contain" were discussed by Mr. Drummond and Miss Cauthorne. This was very interesting and could have kept us overtime. Mr. Sydnor gave a very interesting experience he had of the above trends. He attended a Banquet given in the honor of a retiring teacher. Many of the testimonies given concerning this teacher were related to the above topics. Yet, there is reading to be done and a try out before we can truthfully say this is what we want.

Mr. Gibson presented - "This Is Your County". You can get one from the office, price 30¢. The meeting was very interesting and seemed to have been enjoyed by all present. Mr. Sydnor closed the meeting with a cheerfull note of thanks and a smile of joy.

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