

But parents have reservations

SUHS survey shows support

by JOHN MURPHY
The majority of parents of students at Sandy Union High School who responded to an opinion survey earlier this fall appear to be in support of the way things are run at the school.

Of the 41 parents who answered the survey handed out at an open house last month, most (81 percent) feel the overall educational program offered at the school is "good quality."

But parents had reservations about several areas of the school program. Nearly half of those who responded believe the concerns of parents are not reflected in decisions made by the school administration and staff.

The survey was put together by the National Study of School Evaluation. It contained 33 questions on topics ranging from the adequacy of discipline in the school to whether the teaching of history is given proper emphasis.

Superintendent Jack Peters acknowledged that the number of parents who responded in the survey may not represent a true cross

section of attitudes toward the school. But he feels the responses do indicate the feelings of a large number of patrons.

"This will give us an idea of what kind of school we should be running," Peters said. "We plan to constantly watch and evaluate what we're doing because we believe a school should be what its community wants it to be."

Peters said he plans to meet with parents of students in the Hoodlani area in January to get their feelings and concerns about the school. And he said he will meet with parents in the four other feeder districts in informal sessions to get their ideas.

In the survey response, parents were divided on the question of more discipline at the school. Twenty-five parents agreed that discipline should be stricter. Ten parents said it should not be stricter.

The question comes down to one of an individual parent's philosophy. Several parents of students living on the mountain appeared at the Sandy High School Board

meeting Monday night and spoke out against what they believe are excessively strong tactics used to enforce school rules.

"Any time you bring up the question of student discipline there will be two sides," Peters said. "A school, just like a society, has to have rules and regulations. We think ours are reasonable."

In the area of teacher competency at the school, 34 parents agreed that the Sandy teachers are "generally highly competent" while three disagreed.

Twenty-four also agreed that teachers are "concerned about my child as an individual." Ten parents disagreed with that statement.

On the question of the use of drugs in the school, 18 parents believe the problem is serious while 15 believe it is not. Thirteen offered no opinion.

Responses to other questions were:
"Our community is actively involved in operating the school": 13 agreed, 19 disagreed, 10 no opinion.

"Our school is helping prepare children to cope with the rapidly changing society": 27 agreed, nine disagreed, six no opinion.

"The school is doing a good job in teaching children the basic skills (math, science, reading)": 22 agreed, 15 disagreed, five no opinion.

"The school is doing an adequate job of helping my children understand their moral and ethical responsibilities": 17 agreed, 15 disagreed, 10 no opinion.

"The school is placing the right emphasis on the teaching of history": nine agreed, eight disagreed, 15 no opinion.

"The curriculum in the school is adequate for students planning to continue their education beyond high school": 27 agreed, nine disagreed, six no opinion.

"Discipline is not a serious problem in the school": six agreed, 11 disagreed, 25 no opinion.

"The school is a problem in the school": three agreed, 24 disagreed, 11 no opinion.

"Vandalism is not a serious problem at the school": 13 agreed, eight disagreed, 21 no opinion.

"Student absenteeism is not a problem at the school": 10 agreed, 10 disagreed, 21 no opinion.

"The teachers place the proper amount of emphasis on developing critical thinking skills (problem solving, analyzing)": 18 agreed, 13 disagreed, 10 no opinion.

"Proper emphasis is placed on marks and grades in the school": 20 agreed, 10 disagreed, 12 no opinion.

"The amount of educational change or innovation in the school is about right": 22 agreed, two disagreed, 17 no opinion.

"Student activities programs are sufficient to meet the needs of the students": 33 agreed, three disagreed, six no opinion.

"Counseling and guidance services are supportive of my child's present needs and future aspirations": 11 agreed, 17 disagreed, five no opinion.

"Transportation services meet the needs of the majority of students": 33 agreed, two disagreed, seven no opinion.

"My child enjoys school lunches": 16 agreed, 22 disagreed, five no opinion.

"The school lunch offers a nutritious menu": 15 agreed, 16 disagreed, 11 no opinion.

"School rules and regulations affecting students are reasonable": 30 agreed, nine disagreed, five no opinion.

"My child looks forward to going to school each day": 20 agree, nine disagreed, three no opinion.



Envy's best friend

WHILE THE crowd watched a recent Mt. Hood Community College basketball game, 16-year-old Jimmy Tate found more excitement in a round of patty-cake with school mascot Bamey.

Sandy doctor works with free clinic

Dr. E.H. Hazlett of Sandy is one of several physicians participating in a free children's clinic sponsored by the Western States

Chiropractic College Dec. 2 from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Children ages 14-16 will be examined free of charge by the doctors in order to demonstrate to observing interns the proper technique of the various examinations. The examinations include dental, eyes, ears, nose and throat, heart and lung and postural/spinal.

"There will be seven or eight licensed doctors donating their time," Hazlett said. "It helps the interns to be aware of what it is like to give children's exams — it's a good way of gaining experience."

"The doctors will do the examining while the interns observe," Hazlett added, "unless the director feels

that one of the senior interns is well qualified.

"Then he may conduct the examination and call the doctor if he feels that something is abnormal," he said.

Anywhere from 500-600 kids are expected to take advantage of the free clinic, according to Hazlett who is a chiropractic physician.

"It's a good chance to get a free exam," Hazlett said. "There won't be any repair work — if something is wrong the child will be referred to a specialist."

The clinic will be held at 940 N.E. 102nd Street in Portland. Parents who wish to have their children examined should call 255-6776 for an appointment.

Kiwanis seeking pastors

BORING — Larry Newfield, chairperson of the Kiwanis Spiritual Aims Committee in Boring, is seeking pastors in the Boring-Damascus area who are interested in forming a ministerial association.

The Boring Kiwanis plan to pattern the association after one formed several years ago in Sandy.

Interested church officials from the Boring-Damascus area are asked to attend an organizational meeting at Holynew Baptist Church next Tuesday at 10 a.m.

MHCC concert readied

The Mt. Hood Community College Orchestra will present its first concert of the season Dec. 4 at 8 p.m. in the college theatre.

"Symphony No. 1 in C Major," two selections from Handel's "Messiah" sung by Marjorie Qualls, "Slavonic Dance No. 11" by Dvorak, "Strings on Fire" by Henry Mancini and "Morning Noon and Night in Vienna" by Von Suppe.

Selections will include Aaron Copland's "An Outdoor Overture," Beethoven's

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