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Morrison does her research

Dawn Morrison isn't the kind of person to take no for an answer. Last year, after an unsatisfactory discussion with administrators at Welches School about the discipline program, Morrison and two other parents met with principals at Sandy, Firwood and Kelso schools.

The end result was a 10-page report, and she feels she can take credit, in part, for helping make some of the changes that are in effect this year.

Morrison, however, isn't satisfied. "The discipline program is so confusing the parents don't even understand it."

A candidate for position three on the board of directors, Morrison said, "I think I can make some changes. I really do. And I know you're not going to do it overnight."

Morrison and her husband have three children, ages 7, 8 and 10. She feels having children attending classes in both buildings works in her favor.

Discipline seemed to be her main concern in the upper building. She was concerned about the reading program in the lower building, but she thinks a new program may help solve that problem.

Asked about the two week mini-courses, which are set to begin after spring break, she said, "Not all of the courses are as solid as I would like to see."

Morrison served for five years on the Mt. Hood Preschool Cooperative's board of directors, and reorganized the Parent-Teacher Association, which in now the



Dawn Morrison

Parent-Teacher Organization.

The administration at Welches School supports PTO activities, according to Morrison, which she called "a positive development."

The PTO needs more support from both parents and teachers, she said, though the group does have a voice. Morrison said the PTO board has taken a position on some issues brought up by parents, and have gone to the administration in an effort to reach a satisfactory conclusion.

She said Welches School "is a good school in a lot of ways, but communication needs to be improved."

Because of the recent bill taxpayers received from the Sandy Union High School District, Morrison expects budget committee members to be especially thorough. She said there are a lot of "sensible, down to earth" people on the budget committee this year. "I think they'll look after the taxpayer," Morrison said.

A willingness to learn both sides of an issue would serve her as a board member, she said.

Schulson's business is negotiating

A few years ago when there was a flap at Sandy High School, Mel Schulson of Zigzag started attending meetings of the board of directors. He figured it would be better to get his information firsthand.

Schulson, a candidate for position three on the Welches School board of directors, wants to get involved again — hopefully taking firsthand information and making the logical choices.

"I have an interest in what goes on there, and what kind of an educational product we put out."

"And I'm interested in helping bridge the gap in communication/coordination with the community."

Situated in an unincorporated area, Welches School has its own unique problems, in Schulson's opinion. He perceives an "us and them" attitude. "I think there needs to be a community-wide effort to understand the problems of the community and the school," he said. "I think someone needs to actively try to bridge that gap."

Schulson said his business is negotiating. He and his wife are self-employed as fire adjusters. Schulson is licensed in Oregon and Washington to advise and assist policy holders on insurance losses. Though most insurance adjusters work for insurance agencies, Schulson primarily works for homeowners and business people. "Our business is making sure they get what they're entitled to; nothing more, nothing less."

"It usually takes about 10 minutes



Mel Schulson

to explain my job," he joked.

Schulson has two children, ages 15 and 20, is on the scholarship committee for the Mt. Hood Lions Club, and participates with his wife in Women's Club and church activities.

Schulson, a six-year resident of the area, is a former assistant director of the Scholarship Commission of Oregon, which administers loans and scholarships for the state. He was director of a private business college for two years, and has sold medical and hospital equipment. He has been a fire adjuster for about 10 years.

He hopes to get as many people involved in the budgeting process as possible, and he realizes that may mean he will have to solicit them personally.

He supports the school's new assertive discipline program, which has "apparently been pretty successful."

He feels an ability to get along with people is a major asset. "Most people are reasonable and flexible if you express an interest in what they're saying," he said.

Program looks at crime prevention

by PAULA BURNS

Every 10 minutes a child is reported missing in the United States. This alarming statistic was one of many that prompted Priscilla Warnke, a specialist in child safety, to develop "Ident-A-Kid", a system of protection.

Warnke, executive director of Ident-A-Kid, explained the purpose of the non-profit association during a mini-retreat at the Living Way Fellowship in Sandy on March 19. "The system was developed through a great deal of research and communication with both local and investigative agencies specializing in missing and runaway children," Warnke said.

She further pointed out how a protection kit was designed to provide important data on children to assure an instant, accurate and up-to-date profile. The information would then be available for immediate use by investigative forces if it should become necessary.

The preparation kit costs \$7.50 plus \$1 for postage, and includes various fact cards about the child, 30 minute cassette tape to record a youngster's voice, special letter to parents, fact sheet listing criminal statistics, instruction sheet on how to fill out cards and information on what to do if a child disappears.

Warnke said that if a child is kidnapped or runs away, there is usually a two week investigative period. She said research time is reduced to two or three hours by using Ident-A-Kid. "You've bought time by completing research data beforehand," Warnke said.

Warnke emphasized the importance of an open line of communication between parents and children to prevent kidnapping and abuse. "Communication should be established from the time your youngsters are small," she said. "Let them know they can talk to you about anything and

that you are interested in their feelings," she added.

Warnke conducts seminars on how to communicate with children in order to teach them about safety precaution methods. She said that child molesters are good sales people who will offer youngsters anything and will play on a child's ego and curiosity.

Some of the areas Warnke discusses in the seminars are what youngsters should do if approached by a stranger, how to teach children to rely on their instincts and how to educate them to be aware of everyone and everything around them. "It is important to teach kids about prevention, because prevention saves lives," Warnke advised.

Bob Christianson, Clackamas County deputy sheriff, also spoke at the retreat about crime prevention for children and adults. Christianson, who works in the Crime Prevention Department, told the group how to make homes more secure by using dead bolts and peep holes on doors. He also recommended security inspections, which are administered by his department.

Christianson said there are more rapes today, and one in every hundred women will be a victim. "Change the odds in your favor through good preventative measures," he advised. He suggested keeping doors locked in homes and cars at all times, and to avoid shopping late at night.

Child abuse and crime prevention proved to be informative and positive topics at the mini-retreat. Helen Unger, who attended the event, said "It gave me a lot of positive things I can do to protect my children. Even though the subjects were 'heavy,' they were presented in a manner that I can handle." Unger's sister-in-law, Carolann, commented "It makes you want to know more research in-depth, to get involved and do what you can to protect your child and yourself."

Mini-courses defended as 'positive'

by TAMI CISSNA

Students at Welches School will be participating in a unique mini-course program designed to generate student incentive and provide for an enriched curriculum.

The program, which has generated some controversy, will begin after April 1, following spring break, and run for two weeks.

The program was initiated primarily by Pam Althouse, who teaches sixth, seventh and eighth grade mathematics at Welches. She heard of the program being used successfully in the Rainier District.

"The concept is to reward kids who are doing a good job," Althouse explained, "and to enrich the curriculum since we have a small school and don't have as much flexibility as larger schools. It also gives the kids a chance to know teachers from other angles."

The goals behind this program, as given by Gary Dieterich, assistant principal, are three fold: to improve grades, decrease the number of detentions, and provide educational

experiences not available in the normal curriculum. In his estimation these goals were successfully met in a similar project last year.

"I am excited about the enthusiasm students and teachers have shown," said Dieterich, "and I appreciate the extra time and effort Pam Althouse and other teachers have put in."

Students receiving a grade of "C" or better in their core classes during the previous term will be allowed to take a mini-course for each class in which their performance is at the required level. Otherwise they will continue to take the regular class during the two weeks of the mini-courses.

Courses the students will choose from are: First period — math, history of rock 'n' roll, dissection lab, weight training, Trivial Pursuit, basic guitar; Second period — science, origami, history of Timberline Lodge, creative writing, film studies, newspaper; Third period — history, women's studies, running, chess, horror fiction, timckling; Fourth period — reading, history of television, radio and

movies, needlework, pantomime skits, swing dance; Sixth period — English, problem solving, field hockey, dome building, computer board games, puppetry; and Seventh period — logo design, tennis, plant studies, calligraphy, poetry.

Dieterich said some positive comments he has received from parents are, "This is the only way I can get my kid to do his work," and "Can we take them too?" Some parents feel it is nice to see the school provide other educational experiences and have offered to help.

Parents who disagree with the value of the mini-courses are letting their opinions be heard also. Some feel the courses are not educational and are a waste of time, Dieterich explained. Or they may feel that schools should stay with the basics and that taxpayers should not have to pay for these types of activities.

Parents may choose whether or not to have their kids participate. If they don't participate in the mini-courses, they will continue their core classes.

"It is a philosophical disagreement over whether a mini-course elective

is educational or not," Althouse said. "Most classes are an extension of what we normally do, such as creative writing and calligraphy taught by the English teacher, dissection lab by the science teacher, or the history and physical education electives."

"There is a lot of misunderstanding."

"The mini-courses are not all fun and games," she continued. "There are strategy games that are good for kids. There are skills to be learned from them."

They are also still refining the mini-course program and will take into consideration concerns of parents, Althouse said. She feels this is a program that the kids should enjoy, as well as the teachers. Although for them, preparation is a lot of extra work on top of the regular curriculum.

"We really intended to make this something special and positive," Althouse reflected, considering the strong objections voiced by some. "If you can please all the rest, that's wonderful," she said, smiling.

Mt. Hood Hospice plans 'Fun' raiser

For people with the stomach, one of the items to be bid on at the Mt. Hood Hospice's first "Fun" Raising Auction Party is a trip in an acrobatic airplane.

More conventional items include a float trip down the Sandy River, ski passes and a weekend at a condo in Sunriver.

The fact of the matter is, though, that Mt. Hood Hospice is looking for the unconventional. The non-profit group, which offers a program of care for the terminally ill patient and his family, is looking for interesting and fun items to auction off to support a cause that many people prefer not to think about. The Hospice pro-

gram trains and provides volunteers to provide personal care, respite — giving the person taking care of the patient a break — and counseling.

According to Kathryn Broderick, executive director, Lindsay Wagner has even promised to "come up with

something good. One of our volunteers ran into her at Burger King in Gresham."

Mt. Hood Hospice serves an area from Government Camp through 122nd Avenue, and from the Clackamas to the Columbia rivers.

People may call 668-9000 to determine the nearest drop-off point, and to get a receipt for the tax-deductible donation.

Tickets will go on sale in April. The auction will be May 11 at Oral Hull Park, outside of Sandy.

Proposed budget is up 2.6 percent

When Superintendent Clark Lund looked at the final numbers on Tuesday, they were "less severe" than expected.

The Sandy Elementary District's budget committee approved a budget with a 2.6 percent increase, which will result in a tax levy increase of about 10 percent if no changes are

made at the public hearing on April 15.

The total, proposed budget is \$6,381,117, or exactly \$164,000 over the 1984-85 budget.

The budget committee, which held its third meeting Friday evening, primarily looked at two options. They modified the administrative team's first option, which made fewer cuts than option two.

Option one included a position for a new science teacher, library aids, a bus and other transportation cuts, a program to reinstate football and a \$6,000 cut in the contingency fund.

The budget committee also eliminated the soccer program and funds that were budgeted for the repair of a chimney, which would have cost \$9,400.

Cutting a position for a vice principal at Cedar Ridge was also discussed, but a motion to eliminate

the line item failed after a tie vote.

"With declining enrollment and tax rolls, I don't think we can justify it," Dennis Traxler, budget committee member.

Joan Ragan, a parent, feels a vice principal is needed at Cedar Ridge to help curtail potential problems. "As a taxpayer, it is pay you now, or pay you later," she said.

The Sandy Elementary District is "management lean" compared to neighboring districts, according to Lund.

One seemingly unacceptable item in the second option was the near elimination of the library aid program.

The budget committee approved the budget 9-1, with Sherylle Emerson casting the lone no vote.

Lund said it is not unusual for a school district's budget to be altered during the public hearing process.



This photo won Charles Cochran of Sandy a \$25 gift certificate.

Sandy Boy Scout wins \$25 with photograph of Hood

Charles Donald Cochran, 14, son of Shirley and Michael Cochran of Sandy, has received an honor award in the Boy Scout division of the 1984 Scout Photo Scholarship Awards, which are sponsored by the Eastman Kodak Company. The award is a \$25 Kodak gift certificate.

Cochran, a member of Troop

number 662, sponsored by the Sandy Kiwanis Club, earned his award with a picture Mt. Hood that featured a hiking trail in the foreground.

The 1984 Scout Photo Scholarship Awards were open to all registered members of the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers.

Boswell rescinds in race for board

One of the candidates who will be listed on the ballot March 26 for the Sandy Fire District has rescinded her candidacy. Barbara Boswell said she is withdrawing from the race for medical reasons.

Other candidates for position four are Arnie Becker, Mike Braet, Jerry Lawson and Donn Nichols. Two people are running for position five. They are Michael T. Crappa and Gus DePaep.

Open house set for fire chief

On Sunday, March 24 there will be an open house at the Sandy Fire Hall from 1 to 5 p.m. for Bob Rathke, fire chief. Rathke plans to return to private business after 12 years as chief of the Sandy Fire District.

The public is invited to attend the open house, which is being hosted by the board of directors.