

Uniting

They want a say in schools

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where I see a problem right now." The meeting ended with board committee members saying they would inform all parents, and suggesting two to three organizational meetings be held at each building so a council could be elected and convene before October.

The "governance council" concept is based on a model being used by the West Bloomfield and Ann Arbor school districts. It calls for policy-oriented building committees that would control local problems and send two delegates to a districtwide council. The building committee would meet monthly and also have

sub-committees for specific concerns.

THE DISTRICTWIDE committee would act as liaison between buildings and the school board, also meeting monthly. The group would also compile an annual report at the end of the school year to update community concerns.

Tuesday's meeting was to have included representatives from districts with similar councils, but no one was there. Information about the programs was given verbally to parents by committee chairwoman and school trustee Susan Rennels.

Another option presented to parents is expanding the current districtwide PTA Council, which currently represents only PTA schools.

Parent concern has been brewing during the past year, when Larie proposed her Communications/Governance Council in April 1986, and PTA Council president Roxanne Fitzpatrick called on PTA members to move away from "cookies and coffee" and become involved with policy issues.

Other parents became concerned when issues involving kindergarten policies and high school border changes were proposed by the district.

There was no indication Tuesday when the board's community relations committee would meet again with parents.

Talks with 14 Mile residents may postpone widening plans

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even though costs and the demand for projects has increased, said Thomas Blasell, public services director.

"There are monies available on a first-come, first-served basis," Blasell said. "They also overprogram — like overbooking on the airlines — beyond the limits of financing in anticipation that not all the programs will go."

Though the 14 Mile widening

project has been approved for a 75 percent federal grant, the city might miss the boat.

"We are not at the stage where we can move ahead with it," Blasell said.

That just might be all right with some residents opposed to the city's plans for the thoroughfare.

The Farmington Hills City Council in late April supported, at least in concept, plans to widen 14 Mile to five lanes from just west of Orchard Lake Road to immediately west of

Pebble Creek Condominiums on the north side.

FOR THE next 1,000 feet, the road would be widened to four lanes and then back to five through the Farmington Road intersection.

Brian pleads his cause

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handicap, he writes his own speeches for high schoolers throughout the Detroit area. He has spoken to a filled Cobo Hall during Project Graduation ceremonies in the spring.

"What I went through with the accident, it was terrible," he relates. "It makes me shudder. When I got better, I wanted to go out and

speak out against the stupidity of drinking and driving."

Ironically, Brian said he was not a heavy drinker in high school. He was active in sports and played football, baseball and he enjoyed running. "At the time, I wasn't into drinking and driving much at all," he said. "I knew better — or so I thought. I thought I would never be so stupid."

Brian believes his accident and coma brought him a different life

with a very special purpose. It's something he talks about in his speeches, and in his writing. "My future plans are to continue to spread my message..."

"I believe God wanted me to be well enough to give my warnings to high schoolers and adults. They need to realize that having a good time one night, which you can't even remember, isn't worth what could happen."

Concern about drug addiction prompts student cable project

North Farmington senior Stephanie Jaffee was hooked after watching Gerardo Rivera's drug programs on national television.

She wanted to learn more about drug and alcohol addiction, and show the community what she learned.

So the telecommunications student began in September, producing, directing and editing a two-part series about addiction.

The first part aired on May 7 on

Channel 10, the cable educational access channel. The one-hour show included interviews with Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer and Ed Lynch, funeral director who related the story of his own alcoholism. It also looked at the insight program at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills.

The second part, which has yet to air, is a session with six former drug addicts and alcoholics, 16-18,

who talked about their problems.

Farmington telecommunications coordinator Dean Cobb said the series will tie in with the Brian Moore telecasts scheduled to air in May and June on cable community access Channel 12. Moore, a 25-year-old, was injured at 17 while in a drunk driving accident.

Channel 10 will most likely repeat the shows starring Moore after they are telecast on Channel 12, Cobb said.

Cable channel to air Brian's story

The locally produced cable show, "Drinking and Driving — A Bad Combination," will include comments from Brian Moore, who was

injured while drinking and driving, and from North Farmington High School students.

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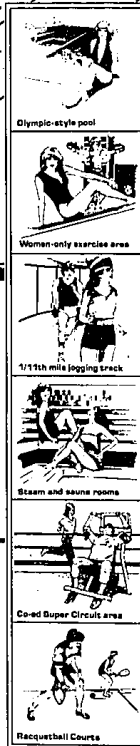
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