

High school alternatives discussed

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the panel to consider this in its recommendation.

"The most important aspects here are the students' own desires," another parent said. "How is the board of education going to address that very issue? This is an important part of someone's life."

"There may not have to be a hard and fast rule."

The three committees are focusing during the next several months on school boundaries and facility use at each school level.

A meeting focusing on middle schools was held last night; one for elementary schools is scheduled for tonight at 7 at Larkshire Elementary.

THOSE ATTENDING Monday's meeting at Harrison High School at-

tended to get preliminary information from the committees, and also asked questions and provided ideas for what could be done at Farmington, Harrison and North Farmington high schools. Several students also attended Monday's meeting.

Decisions on any recommended changes for all levels, including possible boundary changes, will be taken to the board by mid-January.

Board members have declared their intent to make these changes beginning in the 1988-89 school year and will probably decide on any recommendations by next March, when district budget sessions begin for the new fiscal year.

The reasoning for changes in the high schools boiled down to this: If an effort is not made to equalize numbers of students between the

high schools, both students and staff will suffer because of lost opportunities, said Harrison principal and chairman of the high school parent committee, Clayton Graham.

"High school facilities are adequate, but our boundaries are not where they should be," Graham said Monday. "There's plenty of room to house our youngsters. What our dilemma is, is the so-called equal edu-

cational opportunities."

Although populations are declining at all the high schools, the problem is particularly intense at Harrison.

HARRISON CURRENTLY has 950 students enrolled, less than the 1,088 at Farmington High and 1,319 at North Farmington, according to the Fourth Friday count. School officials attribute the decline at Harrison to no growth within that school's attendance area. There is growth and new development in both the Farmington and North Farmington areas.

Graham suggested high school counselors and administrators not visit younger students to promote high schools, until they are sure which school middle school students will attend.

"Maybe we should lay off the kids for now, until this is all done," he said. "Primary concern is that the kids don't get confused."

The parent committee chaired by Graham, and other committees chaired by principals Walt Scobie and Al Langan will gather information and feedback from the community in the next several weeks to help them make a recommendation.

This information will then be taken to a seven-member community committee, appointed by the school board, that will review the plans for continuity and present them to the school board.

City leaders are elected this week

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utions. Councilman Arnold Campbell, elected to his first council term in 1985, will serve as mayor pro tem.

Both city councils generally elect the previous mayor pro tem as mayor or without debate. But this was not the case in Farmington, where councilman Ralph Yoder left his mayor pro tem post to again become councilman.

YODER WAS elected to the post last year when councilman Alton Bennett resigned his seat. In Farmington, the mayor pro tem is usually given to the councilman who has not yet served in the post, and is next in line in seniority on the council.

In the election, councilman William Hartsock said.

The election of the mayor pro tem involves a little more politics, at least in Farmington Hills.

In Sever's case, his expected election had become common knowledge. Sever and newly elected council members Aldo Vagnozzi and Jean Fox are the only ones on council who have not yet served as mayor or mayor pro tem.

Vagnozzi nominated Sever. "The movie 'True Grit,' the person who

named it probably had Terry in mind. He kept trying," Vagnozzi said, about Sever's perseverance in being elected to council in 1985 and this year after some failed attempts and election recounts.

"IT'S REALLY very gratifying after the last 3-4 years," Sever said, about his election. "It's interesting how politics works. You go from outside of the fence to the other from one year to another. I'm happy though people stuck with me from the beginning."

Sever said he likes the confidence

his six council colleagues have shown him. "I probably feel more confident now than any other time. But I still have a lot to learn."

Soronen and Sever are expected to take their seats on Monday, Jan. 11, at the first meeting of the new year.

Soronen was first elected to the council in 1978 and served as mayor in 1980. In 1985, she was re-elected for a third four-year term. In 1983, she was named "Woman of the Year" by the Farmington Business & Professional Women. She is the executive director of the Farmington-Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce.

IN FARMINGTON, both the mayor and mayor pro tem were elected to two-year terms by fellow council members Monday; the appointments took place immediately.

Tupper last served as mayor from 1977-79. He left the council for several years, then was re-elected to two-year terms in 1985 and again this year. Tupper is the owner of Tupper Associates, Inc. of Farmington Hills.

The Farmington Hills mayor earns \$2,700 annually and the Farmington mayor \$900, as do all council members. Both lead their respective councils and are responsible for chairing meetings and officially representing the city.

Also an honorary position, the mayor pro tem in both cities fills in when the mayor is absent.

Grant is awarded to fight car theft rings

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lie safety.

"It sounded like interesting work. With the amount of auto thefts in this area, it should prove to be very interesting. Primarily, we'll be working on locating the chop shops," said Swanson, an 11-year veteran of the Farmington Hills Police Department.

The grant will pay officers' salaries, fringe benefits, vehicles, field operation costs and investigative supplies. The one-year grant is re-

newable up to five years, Dwyer said.

"We're confident this unit is going to excel," Dwyer said, adding that two other similar units in Oakland County have chalked up successes.

The new southwestern Oakland County unit is not intended to replace the communities' individual police departments' auto theft prevention efforts.

In Farmington Hills, auto thefts increased 3.1 percent in the first nine months of 1987 compared to the same period in 1986. To date, 334

cars have been stolen this year in Farmington Hills compared to 324 last year.

Farmington has had a 20 percent increase in auto thefts each year since 1983. In 1986, 54 cars were stolen at a total value of \$500,000, according to a report from city manager Robert Deadman.

"I THINK we have made an impact somewhat, keeping it to a minimal level (of increase)," Dwyer said. The unit will be able to go a step farther, crossing community and

county lines in tracing the roots of the auto theft business, Dwyer said.

"People do come in from other counties. The thrust (of the new unit) will be to identify where cars are taken and make arrests at a higher level," Dwyer continued, adding that heavy surveillance will be involved.

The new unit's officers will begin training next week. "They will be training through the state police and will also receive special training by manufacturers of autos, such as General Motors," Dwyer said.

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