Steering committee wants to use available money

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they have come to us and we liked the project," he said.

Asked how much money the county had budgeted for economic development, Frankenfeld said they have budgeted \$50,000 in each of the last two years, but have not spent that much.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said so

spent as the county's share of the six- he was willing to help raise money. county enterprise facilitation consor-

member, asked how much one mill of aren't going to go down. I believe we property tax would raise and Rumpel can pay now or pay later." said currently it is about \$56,000.

velopment program could cost nate the program with the state Depart- a person has been a failure in the past. running and hopefully be able to dem-

far this year, about \$6,900 has been \$100,000 to \$150,000 a year, and that ment of Commerce and Housing. He (Currently, economic development is onstrate some success before asking

said "I know there are enough who Randy Topliff, steering committee support this effort, and I know taxes

accountable. Whalen said he would be willing to help with the legal needs of setting up the organization.

Pete Whalen, a steering committee said the group is planning to hire a full-erty tax in the first year, but try to use Topliff suggested the economic demember, suggested the county coordities director. He said not having such available money to get the program said they would coming to the next

said the new program would be under under the Chamber, which has a full-"I have my check for \$1,000," he the thumb of the county and would be time director responsible for Chamber, economic development and tourism programs, plus two assistants.)

The consensus of the steering com-Steve West, committee member, mittee members was not to seek a prop-

for more taxes. "We want a change," West said, "and

this is the best way we can move for-

"I think this is a good start," said commissioner Mitch Tiede.

The steering committee members meeting with a plan.

Site council leaders report on activities during school year

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News Site council leaders told the Goodland School Board on Monday that this year their groups had learned how the district spends state money, discussed whether to make some classes count more than others and helped plan student activities.

Heads of site councils from Goodand's five schools gave end-of-theyear reports to the board, saying par-

on how to improve the schools.

After the meeting, Superintendent each school to have a site council made up of parents, teachers, administrators and anyone else who is interested in dictorians and salutatorians should be education.

He said the councils have a hand in setting or changing policy.

Jeff Mason, president of the high ents were more involved this year, school council, said the group met al-

learning things about education that most every month this year and had the ing system should include pluses and Regents curriculum and moved to have they never knew and providing ideas best participation from parents he's seen in at least three years.

One reason for that, he said, is be-Marvin Selby said state law requires cause the council talked about controversial issues.

> He said they discussed whether valerequired to have followed the state's college-prep curriculum, whether tougher classes should be "weighted" so they count more towards a student's grade point average, whether the grad-

minuses and whether the high school's block class schedule should be chang-

Mason said people had different opinions and the group never reached an agreement on any of the topics, but the council will continue to talk next year and may make some recommendations to the board.

Board member Mike Campbell said the board needs to discuss implementing the weighted grade system and

the council make recommendations on those topics within a year. The motion wasn't voted on because no board member seconded it.

Carol Jolly, head of the West Elementary site council, said Principal Jerry Burkett kept them informed about school activities and about how state budget problems will affect West.

Jolly said the council learned more about the tests students take and programs for students and teachers.

Central Elementary site council, said the group listened to presentations on teaching and education from Sharon Gregory, Central principal, and others.

Michael Nelson, a member of the North Elementary council, said the group talked about recruiting new members and listened to a presentation by Principal Steve Raymer about school finance.

Jim Mull, Grant Junior High principal and a member of the school's site council, said the group discussed ways to help students meet state standards and organized a chili feed as a tribute to local heroes.

Summer constuction projects include sidewalks, windows The Goodland School Board on a year for repairs, but needs to spend Summer projects include replacing is cut by the Legislature or the gover-

give schools less money.

Monday gave Superintendent Marvin \$130,000 of that to pay off the remod-Selby permission to spend \$80,000 on eling on the second floor of the high replace the roof, but said the district summer construction projects and asked him to look into replacing the roof on the high school.

Selby gave members a list of repairs and items that need to be replaced at He said the district has about \$225,000

Campbell thinks the board should en-

by making tougher subjects count

Campbell made his comments after

Jeff Mason, president of the high

school site council, reported the group

weighted" grade system and requir-

more in grade point averages.

courage students to take tough classes Board of Regents.

had talked about implementing a in tough classes, not easy ones. Some

critical repair is the roof on the high school, which is old and leaky.

each school totaling about \$277,000. roof when they did the remodeling look into having specifications made, project this year, but the rest of it is so the project can be done later.

School board member Mike follow the college-preparatory cur- adding that an "A" in physical educa-

Campbell said it's important for

salutatorian have earned good grades

students take easier classes to keep

ing valedictorians and salutatorians to their grade point average up, he said, ber who was at the meeting, said most

Should some classes be worth more credit?

riculum recommended by the state tion shouldn't count as much as an "A"

tough classes to count more and for school site council to make a recom-

students to follow the Regents curricumendation to the board on those top-

lum to make sure the valedictorian and ics within a year, but the motion never

in calculus.

He estimated it will cost \$200,000 to probably won't be able to afford to do The superintendent said the most it this year since the state will likely

The board asked Selby to talk to an He said crews patched part of the architect about replacing the roof and

Campbell moved to require the high

came to a vote because no member sec-

Rich Schwasinger, a council mem-

pairing sidewalks around Max Jones tral Elementary School, so there will be Fieldhouse and the schools, replacing no need for repairs there. windows and the ceiling tile and lights in the gym at Grant Junior High, a new dishwasher for Central Elementary School and repairs at the high school suggested by the state fire marshal.

Selby said if state aid for education

districts with a weighted grade system

are larger and offer advanced place-

He said Goodland High School

doesn't have advanced placement

classes and most Class 4A schools like

Goodland aren't using a weighted

weighting classes, Schwasinger said,

The Class 4A Wamego District tried

ment courses.

the pole vault runway at the track, re- nor, the district will likely close Cen-

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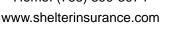
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