

# Kotzebue Dance Class Defended

(From Kotzebue News)

The KOTZEBUE NEWS is sorry we missed last week's meeting of the School Board, during which opposition to the dancing portion of the bi-cultural program at the school was discussed.

However, we learned from those who attended, that the meeting was fruitful and moderate, that opinions were discussed, and that at least one misunderstanding was cleared up.

The young people at the school and their parents are under no pressure or obligation. Children who want to participate, and whose parents say they can, may do so. Those who for any reason, don't want to, don't have to.

We are pleased that this point has been made clear, for we believe the bi-cultural program is a very important milestone.

Arts and Crafts might not seem to be all that important in the modern world, and some people think the language itself is of no use.

Yet, the Eskimo people have had a long, a very proud and exciting and interesting history, with some very unusual ways of looking at things.

It's good for young people to be able to look back at this and to feel proud of the ways of their ancestors. Because then, in a way, they feel proud of themselves, too.

And the better you feel about yourself, the easier it is to accomplish things.

Now when do we get an adult class in Eskimo going?