

Laingsburg Focus Group – March 12, 2018

General Notes

- Participants: 10 community members representing a cross-section of the community, including two board members. Jointly facilitated by the school district and Christman.
- Identified through brainstorming the same priorities as the school district had anticipated: Safety and Security, Auxiliary Gym, Performing Arts, Air Conditioning, and Buses.
- Provided an overview of work to date, financial considerations and potential next steps.
- General consensus to support an increase as much as 1.0 mill.

Axillary Gym

- Middle school gym (we think it is 84') seems to be the smallest we would want to go
- Bleachers are not necessary
- Would like to have enough space for some folding chairs to be set up when needed
- The ability to host tournaments is desirable
- Need to break the gym into two parts with a curtain
- Could put wrestling and cheer in the same practice time, with curtain separation/access to appropriate mats
- May want to purchase overhead mat storage
- Do not want a resilient floor; wood is preferred
- Interested in locker rooms, team rooms, especially for hosting tournaments
- Would like dedicated concessions
- Question: Should we add parking alongside the school building to accommodate the overflow?

Performing Arts

- Community Choir may want to use the space
- Undecided what program is the key focus for the space (i.e. drama, band, etc.)
- Need to be clear with the community that we are using this for a dedicated purpose with a strong demand
- Question: What is the right size? We started with 600 by looking at largest size event that we host each year (i.e. Christman, etc.). Could we make it big enough to host the local dance studio. Would need 900-1,000?
- Need to make sure it's designed so that the band doesn't seem too small for the performing arts center or seating
- Parking in the existing lot is not an issue for the location of the performing arts center by the existing front entrance
- One parking consideration is whether we could host a play on the same night as a sports event
- Question: Is there a way to lock down the school from the performing arts or the gymnasium?
- Areas around the school could use additional lighting for safety

