

February 16 meeting notes:

After listening to opening remarks from Dr. Narak to members of all five study groups, we addressed our first goal of identifying fine arts facility needs in our district (size, space, use). We also brainstormed possibilities for remodeling and new construction to address the identified needs. A summary of our conversation follows.

Prior to our meeting, please give some thought to the following question: *Given the fine arts facility possibilities we've identified for remodeling or new construction, what are the pros/cons of each option?*

Question: What do you think our district needs in terms of fine arts facilities?

Size (number of auditorium seats needed)

"Big Hall" - - 1000-1200 seats

Blackbox Theater - - up to 300 seats

Junior Highs - - 400-500 seats

Elementary Schools - - around 250 seats

Space (types of rooms needed)

"Big Hall"

- enlarged classroom spaces (orchestra, vocal)
- warm-up room
- rehearsal areas (small, large group)
- storage space (piano, risers, costumes, sound shells, instruments)
- dressing rooms
- ventilated room to build sets
- tech room (lights, sound)
- wings/backstage area
- fly space
- restrooms
- orchestra pit with lift
- lobby for ambiance, display areas for artwork, concessions, and tickets
- parking

Blackbox Theater

- production booth
- light booth
- storage

Junior Highs

- expanded stage
- expanded seating

Elementary Schools

- flexible space (not the gym or cafeteria)
- light/sound booth
- storage (risers, instruments, stands, props)

Use (e.g., music and/or drama, high school and/or district-wide)

"Big Hall"

- high school and maybe jr. high orchestra, band, vocal concerts (depending on location)
- high school & jr. high drama performances (depending on location)
- community events (speakers, guest artists, large group presentations)
- school assemblies (depending on location)
- youth orchestras
- dance school performances (e.g., School of Classical Ballet & Dance)
- all district teacher meetings
- large class groupings for special presentations (depending on location)

Blackbox Theater

- smaller drama productions
- speech
- Chamber Music
- classroom lectures
- TV/radio/video/movie production

Junior Highs

- larger space

Elementary Schools

- school groups
- community organizations (e.g., Scouts)

Question: Given these needs, what options might our district consider for remodeling or new construction?

Remodeling Options

"Big Hall"

- VHS Cafeteria/Auditorium/Foyer area

Blackbox Theater

- VHS Auditorium
- VHS North Gym
- VHS Cafeteria
- VHS Combined Orchestra and Vocal Music Rooms
- Rex Mathes Auditorium

Junior Highs

- expand stage and seating in current auditoriums

New Construction Options

"Big Hall"

- VHS Campus, tennis court area
- VSW Campus, green space toward pond

Elementary Schools

- green space