

Yellow Springs School Facilities Task Force Community Meeting Presentation Notes: Yellow Springs Havurah

1 February 2020 / 12:30 pm / Rockford Chapel

Attendees

Suzanne Smailes, Rebecca Mark, Larry Turyn, Daniele Norman, Len Kramer, Linda Chernick, Neil Silvert, Toni Dosik, Celia B. Diamond, Alisa Isaac, Abby Cobb, Lori Kuhn

Notes

- Can our current buildings really be renovated (vs. new construction)?
- Learn from how Miami Township got new building: focus on actual needs, marketing to make your case
- Heard concern from a teacher friend: don't want to max out community's support for the physical buildings and as a result have insufficient money for staff, which is the real heart of the schools
- Affordability is a big concern; I'm sympathetic to blue collar workers really struggling to cover their expenses
- There is a dynamic with an aging community feeling increasingly disconnected from the schools, perhaps making them less willing to support school levies
- How many students leave the district to attend schools elsewhere (~20?); it's much outweighed by the number of students gained from open enrollment