

The CIS Committee met for a third time on September 20, 2017. The focus of the meeting was on what should occur with the current building if the board of education decides to follow the committee recommendation and build a new facility. The following ideas were shared:

- The building should remain in some capacity, along with OJ Work Auditorium;
- Keep the OJ Work Auditorium and create an open air auditorium to the south of it;
- Sell the building to someone who wants to create apartments in the building;
- Lease the building to a college or technical school; and
- Keep the building and expand the district's preschool program and Four Cities Compact programming;.

Other ideas that were shared or questions that were asked are as follows:

- The current building is a financial drain on the district. Does the board want to continue to be financially responsible for the building if a new school is built? Being a landlord is not a function of a school district and may not be what the district is good at.
- How often is OJ Work Auditorium used? (answer: regularly, especially by outside organizations);
- What if a new auditorium, to meet school and community needs, was part of the design plan for the new school building?;
- The district would need to follow Ohio Revised Code on who the building would have to be offered to first, if the board decides to sell it (e.g. community schools);
- Is it ethical to get rid of OJ Work Auditorium knowing many people gave money to keep it?;
- Can the current building be designated as a historical site?; and
- If the building is preserved, should it be "all" of the building, the original 1907 section and/or OJ Work Auditorium?.

The committee decided that as part of their recommendation to the board of education, every effort should be made to preserve the current building in some capacity. This should be done in a way that relieves the board of education of the financial responsibilities for the building.

Andy will send a "draft" of the committee's written recommendation to the board of education to all committee members no later than October 9, 2017. The committee will meet again on October 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wadsworth High School Media Center to review the "draft" recommendation and make necessary changes. If the committee is in agreement with the written recommendation at the end of the October 16 meeting, the final version of the recommendation will be presented to the board of education at their November 20, 2017 meeting.