

BOND UPDATE #89

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Here's what's been going on during the past week:

1. We are expecting the latest construction cost estimate for the new Ferndale High School (based on the permit set of documents) from Cornerstone (our general contractor) by the end of this week. Once we have the cost estimate, the project team will review them to ensure we are still within budget. Although we won't know for sure until the actual bid day, the cost estimate will give us a better idea of which alternates we are likely to be able to afford.
2. Dykeman architects spent many hours this past week with individual staff groups reviewing the floor plans for the new high school in detail. Overall, staff were pleased with the design and are looking forward to getting into the new building. They also provided valuable input during this review process, and the design team has begun evaluating their suggested changes. Most of the changes are minor and have little impact on cost or coordination. However, a few of the suggested changes would result in additional costs.
3. We met with City of Ferndale staff to check in on the permit process for the new high school. City staff has been working hard to complete their reviews, and we expect final comments in January, right on schedule.
4. Now that the design concept for the grandstands for the new high school has been finalized, the District is able to move forward with purchasing the grandstand from KCDA. KCDA is a public purchasing cooperative that will allow us to buy the design and construction of the grandstands directly from the supplier. By purchasing directly from KCDA, we are able to receive a discount as well as an already negotiated pricing structure. (In other words, no bidding is required.)

Since the next two Fridays are Christmas and New Year's Day, this will be the last weekly Bond Update of 2020. I will be back with my next progress report on January 8, 2021. In the meantime, best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season.

If you have questions or comments about anything in this update, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Merry Christmas!

Linda