

BOND UPDATE #86

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

1. I want to recognize the significant efforts of the design team to finish the Permit Set of documents for the new Ferndale High School under an accelerated schedule. Generally, creating documents with this level of detail takes 6 months to complete, but our team accomplished the task in just 3.5 months! We made a conscious decision to accelerate the design process so that we could take advantage of bidding the project in early 2021. This huge accomplishment should result in lower bid pricing. Way to go, team!
2. This coming Tuesday, November 24, Dykeman Architects will be making a presentation to the Ferndale High School staff to share the most up-to-date design documents and classroom layouts. Following this presentation of the overall project to the entire staff, we will be holding smaller meetings with individual groups of users to go over details such as furniture layout and casework.
3. Last Tuesday, November 17, the Bond Oversight Committee held their regular monthly meeting. Their discussion included the following topics:
 - Communicating progress on our bond projects with the public through an up-to-date dashboard on the district website.
 - Reviewing current cash flow documents.
 - Celebrating the successful completion of the Secure Vestibule projects.
 - Involving the public in the heritage preservation part of the Ferndale High School project.
 - Developing an updated long-term maintenance plan and facilities replacement plan for the school district.
 - Reviewing the work the school district has done previously in the areas of facilities and maintenance planning.
 - Clarifying the capacity for using district general funds to address major maintenance and renovation issues.
 - Acknowledging that a comprehensive capital facilities plan is going to require additional bond dollars.
 - Exploring the options of fundraising or involving community volunteers in facilities maintenance and renovations.
 - Emphasizing the importance of preventative maintenance.
 - Collaborating with the City of Ferndale and their comprehensive planning process.
 - Identifying specific items that have been paid for so far from the contingency budget for the new Ferndale High School project.
 - Launching the constructability review process on the plans for the new high school.

- Investigating the Performing Arts Center to further clarify the seismic upgrades that will need to be completed.
 - Developing safety plans to protect students, staff, and visitors during construction of the new high school.
 - Reviewing progress on the safety, security, and critical maintenance projects included in the 2019 bond package.
4. As indicated above, at their November 17 meeting, the Bond Oversight Committee reviewed progress on safety, security, and critical maintenance projects included in the 2019 bond package. I am sharing in today's update the contents of the report presented to them by our Construction Services Group Project Manager Tex Ladish.

- **Secure Vestibules, Access Control and Security Cameras: COMPLETE.**

The vestibule construction on eight Secured Entry Projects is now complete and fully operational, along with the installation of the electronic access control, security camera and buzz-in systems. Once school starts, all exterior doors are locked and visitors request entry at the front door by pushing the entry button. Office staff have a large screen video view and intercom to talk with the visitor before buzzing open the exterior doors. In the entry vestibule, the second set of doors is also locked so visitors continue into the office to be checked in before proceeding into the school. Office staff training has been done. Photos of Eagleridge and Skyline are attached at the end of this report.

- **Security Fencing at Horizon Middle School, Eagleridge Elementary and Skyline Elementary: 98% COMPLETE.** Seven-foot high chain link fencing installation is now complete at all three schools. Swing gates and rolling gates have been installed and final hardware installation is underway. Fencing and gate photos are attached at the end of this report.

- **Roofing at Vista Middle School: COMPLETE.** Roofing repairs and upgrades at Vista Middle School are now complete and will be inspected soon by the roofing manufacturer for warranty purposes.

- **Fire Alarm Panels at Eagleridge Elementary, Central Elementary, and Horizon Middle School: COMPLETE.** New fire alarm panels have been installed at all three schools and have received final inspections. Photos are included at the end of this report.

- **Heat Valves for Vista Middle School: COMPLETE.** Approximately 76 heat valves were replaced at Vista by the district maintenance staff and that work is complete.

- **Hot Water Tank Replacement.** The remaining hot water tank projects are in line for scheduling by the maintenance department.

- **Summer 2021 Roofing Projects at Central and Custer Elementaries and Masonry repairs at Custer.** Pricing quotes have been received for roofing repairs at Central and Custer. Roofing work at both schools is planned for the summer of 2021.
 - **HVAC Controls & DDC Controls.** Construction Services Group is preparing a Request for Proposal for this DDC (Direct Digital Control) work. We expect to advertise for proposals in December.
5. A picture is worth a thousand words. Please be sure to look at Tex's photo report at the end of today's update.
 6. All of this information, including minutes of Bond Oversight Committee meetings, are posted (or will soon be posted) on the district webpage at this link:
<https://www.ferndalesd.org/community-oversight-committee>.

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, we will not be publishing a Bond Update on Friday, November 27. We will send you the next issue on December 4.

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

Linda

Secure Vestibules Improvement Project

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This interior photo at Eagleridge shows the new wall framing and relocated secondary door system.



The Eagleridge secured entry & vestibule has been completed. It includes video buzz in entry. The secure entry forces all visitors to go through the office before being allowed access into the school.



The new Skyline secured entry is also complete. There is now a clear designated entry for visitors with the same enhanced security features.



Skyline Elementary perimeter fencing and gate installation is complete. Gate hardware is being installed that will be locked daily once school starts to provide additional security.



A new 7 foot high fence and new gates are being installed to secure both sides of Horizon Middle School.



The new fence extends between Horizon and Eagleridge and continues on the east side.