

BOND UPDATE #78

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Here's what's been going on with the new Ferndale High School project:

1. We continued to refine the design of the new grandstands by reviewing several options for the layout. We know the grandstands will hold 2,000 spectators and include restrooms, concessions, and a ticket booth. Existing features on the site (bus parking, sewer easement, water lines, and so on) limit the area we are able to develop. However, all of the options we are considering will also provide pedestrian connections to the school buildings, as well as a large plaza area for gathering.
2. As the design team transitions into the next phase – preparation of Construction Documents – we will be refining details of the new school's design. For example, we want to make sure we are providing enough drinking fountains and bottle fillers in convenient locations throughout the building.
3. The landscape architects have been working with the District to tailor the design of the rain gardens (or biofiltration swales) so that our grounds crews will be able to maintain them easily and keep them looking neat. These types of landscaped areas are required by code because they help to capture and absorb stormwater runoff from parking lots and other hard surfaces on the site. The plants and microbes in the soil treat the stormwater before it infiltrates back into the ground.
4. The Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) met on Tuesday of this week (September 22). Members of BOC had reviewed the current drawings and specifications and provided the design team with a list of questions. Sam Comer with Cornerstone General Contractors and Tim Jewett with Dykeman Architects attended Tuesday's meeting to share information and answer the committee's questions about the design of the new Ferndale High School.
5. The Bond Oversight Committee will be submitting its next quarterly report to the Ferndale School Board at their meeting on October 27.
6. More information about the work of the Bond Oversight Committee can be accessed at the following link: <https://www.ferndalesd.org/community-oversight-committee>.

As always, please reach out to me or one of my colleagues if you have questions.

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