

BOND UPDATE #63

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Here's what's been going on this week:

1. We spent time this week doing more test fits with current Ferndale High School teachers. Test fits help us look at the area and equipment within a room to determine what the space needs to look like to function. Test fits this week included: CTE shops, dry lab, PE teaching spaces, culinary classroom, marketing classroom, and student store.
2. Members of the Ferndale High School project team participated in a physically distanced in-person tour of Lake Stevens High School on Monday of this week (June 1) to see the new gym and classroom wing in their finished state. (We last toured before the school was finished). It was very helpful to see the completed three-story high school, including the student flow from academic to shared learning spaces. The team noted how open and welcoming the school felt. Despite its large size, it did not feel overwhelming. Dykeman is the architect on the Lake Stevens project, and Cornerstone is the general contractor. It was also very nice to see the other team members in person instead of on a video screen!
3. Bid opening for the pre-engineered metal building (PEMB) portions of the FHS project are scheduled for Wednesday afternoon (June 10). Results of the bids will be shared next week, along with the name of the selected PEMB contractor.
4. The design team and Cornerstone have been spending time refining schedule details to ensure the project's readiness to release early bid packages at the start of January 2021. By hitting the market early, we hope to take advantage of subcontractors who are looking to secure work for the upcoming year. The goal is to have subcontractors "sharpen their pencils" to give us the best bid prices possible. Although bidding will occur earlier in the year, actual construction on site will not begin until May 2021.
5. We are investigating the potential for a grant from the Washington State Arts Commission to help fund art installations at the new high school. The Art in Public Places program reserves ½ of one percent of the state's construction cost for art in new school construction projects. The new high school is eligible for this grant program, but it is unclear whether it will be funded for the next biennium. We will keep track of the program, and we intend to submit an application for the high school, if and when applications are opened back up.
6. The district has publicly advertised and is now soliciting contractor bids for eight secure vestibule projects that will take place across the district this summer. These vestibule projects will take place at Custer, Eagleridge, Skyline, Central, Cascadia, Vista, Horizon and the District Office. On Thursday of this week (June 4), Dykeman

architects led a pre-bid conference and tour of all eight projects with interested contractors. Bids are due to the district on Wednesday, June 10, by 2:00pm. The secure vestibules will provide a video cameras and buzz-in access control systems with large office monitors, along with related door and hardware changes.

As always, feel free to reach out to me with questions or comments about any of this.

Linda