

BOND UPDATE #47

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Here's what's been going on with our bond projects this week:

1. We continued to review and refine the site plan and general floor plan for the new Ferndale High School in meetings with architects and engineers on Monday, February 10, and again on Thursday, February 13. Based on our feedback, the Dykeman Architect Team is continuing to make adjustments in their drawings. (I am very impressed with their desire to understand our community's values, our high school's needs, the commitments we made during the process of passing the bond, and the constraints of our budget -- and their efforts to reflect all of these factors in their design.)
2. On Thursday, February 13, members of the Executive Bond Steering Committee and three Ferndale High School teachers -- Tony Torretta, Michele Stern, and Nico Amaral -- toured the new Anacortes High School and the still-under-construction Stanwood High School. Seeing these other facilities and talking to their designers and users was very helpful in clarifying our vision about what we want in our new high school.
3. This week our CSG (Construction Services Group) Project Manager, Heidi Hansen, connected with the Community Development Director for the City of Ferndale, Haylie Miller, to talk about how we can best work together as we move forward with the Ferndale High School project. Haylie said the City staff wants to be able to provide factual answers to questions from community members about the project. Heidi responded that she will email her the site plan and floor plan as soon as they are in "semi-final" form -- probably sometime next week -- and also schedule a "pre-application" meeting with the City. The District and the Design Team consider the City an essential partner in this project, and we are grateful they are willing to be active participants from this point forward.
4. On Monday, February 17 (which is a non-school day because of the Presidents' Day holiday), GeoEngineers will be doing more soil testing on the Ferndale High School campus. Now that we have decided on the general location of the new building, the engineers will be gathering additional details about soil conditions in that area to help determine the most cost-effective foundation.
5. The next meeting of the Bond Oversight Committee is scheduled for February 18, 6:00 pm, at the District's Mountain View site. More information about the committee may be accessed at this link <https://www.ferndalesd.org/community-oversight-committee>.

If you have questions or comments about this update or anything else related to our bond projects, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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