

BOND UPDATE #45

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

1. Last week, we reported that both the Design Advisory Committee and the Bond Oversight Committee had expressed support for the recommended site plan presented in the diagram below (which we have been referring to as Option 3). As a point of clarification, I want to share that some members of the Bond Oversight Committee expressed concerns about aspects of the draft plan. While they were willing to support the general location, they have requested more conversation about (1) the position of the CTE building in relation to the rest of facility; (2) the location of the administrative offices; (3) the apparent wide open nature of the entrance courtyard; and (4) the relocation of the greenhouse and aquaculture lab.



2. Principal Vincent has scheduled a meeting next week with Ferndale High School CTE staff to talk about draft plans for the CTE building. Three representatives from the Bond Oversight Committee will be there to listen and observe.
3. Dykeman Architects are exploring ways to address the other concerns expressed by the Bond Oversight Committee.
4. At their January 28 business meeting, the members of the Ferndale School Board gave us a thumbs up to proceed with developing a schematic design for a new Ferndale High School facility on the site represented in Option 3 with the caveat that we continue to gather feedback and do research to determine the most effective adjacencies and overall layout on that site.

5. At the January 28 School Board meeting, the Bond Oversight Committee delivered its second quarterly report. [That report can be accessed here.](#)
6. The Design Team is moving forward with schematic design. This past week, they have presented a few different options showing general floor plans and site layout. One significant challenge is how to incorporate the existing Performing Arts Center (PAC) into the design in a way that makes it feel like a part of the new school. Dykeman will continue refining the schematic design through month of February, with the expectation of presenting final design drawings to the District in early March.
7. The Design Team is also working with the District to decide which type of mechanical systems will be used at the new high school. We have been touring newer schools in the area to evaluate systems and to hear first-hand accounts of how comfortable staff and students are in the classrooms and common spaces. Not only are we taking into account the initial cost of the mechanical systems, but we are also considering long-term operating and maintenance costs.
8. Our Project Managers from Construction Services Group (CSG) met with District Instructional Technology (IT) staff this week to determine design guidelines for the technological infrastructure and equipment at the new high school. Our goal is for the new high school to open with up-to-date and proven technology that will support the educational program, be easy to maintain, and allow for upgrades as new technologies are developed.
9. Mark Deebach and Dykeman Architects Tim Jewett and Kelli Smith recently held a check-in meeting with Joe Lupo, long-time Ferndale resident and local construction trades expert. Joe served as a leader on the Community Bond Task Force and also the Citizens' Committee that campaigned for the passage of the bond. The purpose of the meeting was to make sure the way our bond projects are moving forward is consistent with the intentions expressed by the Bond Task Force and the promises made during the Bond Campaign.
10. 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>.

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