

BOND UPDATE #29

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

1. This week (September 16-20), Dykeman Architects reviewed their preliminary drawings for secure vestibules at each of our school buildings with the Bond Steering Committee and the Bond Oversight Committee. These vestibules are a key element of the Safety and Security promises in the bond. Some of the designs are fairly straightforward, and others are more complicated. The next steps will involve reviewing the plans with principals and school staffs, determining costs of the projects, and developing a timeline for completing the work.
2. On Tuesday, September 17th 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. the Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) held its monthly meeting at the Mountain View Campus Conference Room. During the meeting, members (1) reviewed applications from persons interested in serving as an alternate member on the BOC; (2) decided to schedule interviews with two applicants at the Committee's October 22 meeting; (3) discussed options (online channels, print materials, presentations to community groups, public meetings, etc.) for communicating the Committee's oversight work to the public; (4) continued to develop the bond information dashboard they anticipate publishing on the district website by mid-October; (5) reviewed bond spending for the month of August; received a written report from Project Manager Tex Ladish on the progress of the bond projects. For more information about the Bond Oversight Committee, visit this website: <https://www.ferndalesd.org/community-oversight-committee>
3. To date, expenditures from bond funds total \$160,517. All expenses have been related to the new Ferndale High School project.
4. The next meeting of the Bond Oversight Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22nd, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Mountain View Campus Conference Room. In addition, the Committee will present its quarterly report to Ferndale School Board at the Board's October 15, 2019 special meeting.
5. This week (September 16-20), Dykeman Architects hosted a series of visioning meetings with middle school students, high school students, and high school faculty and staff. The purpose of these meetings was to gather input from a larger group of stakeholders, all of which will be shared with the members of the Design Advisory Committee to inform decision-making. These visioning meetings occurred according to the following schedule:
 - September 16 (Monday) Vista Middle School Student Assembly, 8:10-8:55 am
 - September 16 (Monday) FHS Certificated Staff, 2:30-3:30 pm
 - September 19 (Thursday) FHS Classroom Visits, 8:00-10:43 am
 - September 19 (Thursday) FHS Lunchtime Open House for Students, 11:00 am-12:30 pm
 - September 19 (Thursday) FHS Paraeducators and Other Classified Staff, 2:30-3:30 pm

- September 20 (Friday) Horizon Middle School Student Assembly, 8:10-8:55 am
6. Next week (September 23-27), Dykeman Architects will host two visioning events for the Ferndale Community. Similar to the meetings with students and staff, the purpose will be to gather input to inform the decisions of the Design Advisory Committee.

The first of these community visioning events will occur on Monday, September 23, 6:30-7:30 pm at the Pioneer Pavilion. The primary audience is Chamber of Commerce members. Chamber Executive Director Anya Milton sent the following invitation:

Dear Ferndale Chamber Members -

I am writing to share an important opportunity.

Ferndale voters passed a bond to build a new Ferndale High School in February 2019. As part of the process of designing the new school, the Ferndale School District is gathering input from students, staff and community. The business community is a pivotal part of this process. The School District is asking for your input at this very early stage and I want to encourage you to weigh in on how the design of a new Ferndale High School will impact your future workforce.

I encourage you to attend a special event on Monday, September 23rd from 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM at Pioneer Pavilion. A Team from Dykeman Architects will be there to gather input that will inform the design of our new Ferndale High School.

I encourage you to contact Erin Vincent at Erin.vincent@ferndalesd.org with questions.

The second community visioning event will occur on Friday, September 27, 5:30-6:30 pm (prior to the home football game), in the Ferndale High School Cafeteria. Everyone is invited.

7. During the week of September 23-27, Dykeman Architects will also begin meeting with small groups of FHS staff to start the Ed Specs process. The purpose of these meetings is to drill down into the details about how specific spaces in the building (like science labs, counseling offices, social studies classrooms, etc.) are used. Principal Vincent is scheduling these meetings.
8. On Monday, September 23, members of the Bond Steering Committee and the School Board will be interviewing three GC/CM General Contracting firms -- Cornerstone, Dawson, and FORMA. These interviews constitute the second part of our selection process. Each interview will be 90-minutes long and will consist of a formal presentation, a case study, a scenario, and questions. Following the interviews, the most qualified firms will be asked to submit formal proposals that include their fee structure. We anticipate making a final selection of a contractor by the end of October 2019.

9. On Tuesday, September 24, the Design Advisory Committee (DAC) will hold its next meeting, 4:00-6:00 pm, in the Ferndale High School Cafeteria.

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

Linda