

BOND UPDATE #25

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

1. This week, we published a press release about the Design Advisory Committee (DAC), which includes a complete list of committee members. [That press release can be accessed here.](#) We are also in the process of building an online repository of all DAC materials -- agendas, PowerPoint presentations, notes, resources, decisions, etc. -- so that interested community members can access them at any time.
2. On August 8, we put out our RFQ (Request For Qualifications) for GC/CM (General Contractor/Construction Manager) services for the new Ferndale High School. [That RFQ can be found here.](#) On August 19, we hosted a mandatory tour of the current FHS campus for any GC/CM contractor who is interested in being considered for our project. The turnout at the mandatory site walk-through was strong. Seven general contractors (plus a few subcontractors) showed up and expressed interest in submitting their qualifications for the high school replacement project. Statements of Qualification are due August 30. Based on those, the District will select 2-3 firms to advance to an interview as the next step in the selection process. We expect to make a decision about who we would like to serve as GC/CM contractor in time to seek approval by the School Board at their October 29 meeting.
3. On August 20, the members of the Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) held their regular monthly meeting. At that meeting, they:
 - a. Reviewed a proposed online bond dashboard that would provide community members with at-a-glance information about budget and timeline.
 - b. Considered other ways they might connect with the community to share information about the progress of bond projects.
 - c. Heard that the answer is still pending to the question they posed last month about whether the School Board would support commercial or community sponsorships of various aspects of the new FHS as a way of stretching the budget. (The School Board has asked the Superintendent to draft a sample policy for their review.)
 - d. Received a report from Project Manager Tex Ladish on recent milestones in our bond project work, which included getting state approval to use the General Contractor/ Construction Manager model and hosting a strong turnout on contractors at the mandatory GC/CM walk-through of the high school on August 19.
 - e. Discussed the content they want to include in their quarterly report to the School Board on September 24.
4. The Bond Oversight Committee continues to seek a new alternate member. Applications are available on the committee's webpage at <https://www.ferndalesd.org/community-oversight-committee>.
5. On August 20, representatives from Dykeman Architects, Construction Services Group (CSG), Hargis Engineers Inc, and the District finished conducting the initial site survey

for lighting upgrades that are part of the Safety and Security bond work. They walked the perimeter of all of the buildings that they were not able to review last week.

6. On August 22, representatives from Dykeman, CSG and the District met to review preliminary plans for the secure entry projects that are part of the Safety and Security bond work. Solutions at some of our schools are very straightforward and at some are proving to be quite complex. Dykeman has committed to making refinements to the preliminary plans and bringing them back to the group for further review within the next few weeks.
7. On August 24, the Ferndale School District plans to have a booth at the Ferndale Street Festival with information available about a variety of aspects of the District, including our bond projects. School Board members and staff will be on hand to answer questions.
8. On August 26, Design Advisory Committee members will be touring Meridian High School, Sehome High School, and Lake Stevens High School to see examples of recent educational facilities design. In addition, they have been provided with links to online video tours of a variety of new high school buildings around the country. The purpose of this “touring” is get a sense of what might be possible for the new Ferndale High School.

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

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