

BOND UPDATE #16

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

1. On Tuesday, June 11, we held a Town Hall meeting, where we spent the evening with approximately 75 people discussing plans for the Ferndale High School Bond project. The agenda for the evening included an introduction to the team from Dykeman Architects and an overview of timeline and budget. There was also an opportunity for public input via Thoughtexchange and a collaborative visioning process facilitated by the architects. We recorded much of the meeting and that recording is available to the public, along with a link to the Thoughtexchange results and photos from the event. [All of the information from the June 11 Town Hall can be found here.](#)
2. At the Town Hall, we shared these two messages regarding timeline and budget:
 - a. An inclusive, careful design process with opportunities for community input will take time. After much deliberation with our project managers and architects, we have come to the conclusion that the new school may not be ready for students until Fall 2023. While we are committed to speeding up that timeline if we can do so without compromising either process or product, we want to be very transparent from the beginning about the likely date of occupation.
 - b. After completing a thorough cost estimation process, we have affirmed that our budget is on the lower end when compared to recent high school construction projects in Washington in both dollars per student and dollars per square foot. Through the Bond Task Force and other input channels, our community members let us know they did not want to pay for a fancy, expensive, "Taj Mahal" type school. Rather they wanted a no-frills building that is economical, efficient, and sturdy. Our budget reflects the wishes of the community. [You can access cost comparison charts in a PowerPoint from our meeting which can be found here.](#)
3. The Town Hall gave us a good opportunity to hear from a variety of community members including neighbors living in the area around Ferndale High School. What I heard from these neighbors is concern regarding the location of the new school. I emphasized during the Town Hall that a final site plan has not been determined. Our final site plan will be developed as part of the work of the Design Advisory Committee, with input from the consultants who are investigating the site, the staff who will be working in the building, and the community.
4. With the help of our CSG Project Managers, Tex Ladish and Heidi Hansen, we have completed our 20-page CPARB (Capital Projects Advisory Review Board) application, which we are in the process of proofreading and editing so it is ready to submit in final form before the June 20 due date. As we shared last week, completing the CPARB is the next step in seeking approval to pursue a GC/CM (General Contractor/Construction Manager) process in building the new

Ferndale High School. This past week, Dykeman Architects provided us with a DRAFT site plan to be included in the CPARB application packet. We want to emphasize that this site plan is a “placeholder.” It is not representative of our final plan, but rather a rough draft required to proceed with the GC/CM process.

5. Completed Design Advisory Committee applications are coming in. So far we have received 11 applications from staff members and community volunteers. As a reminder, applications forms [can be found here](#), and they are due July 31, 2019. If you think you may have interest in being involved with design of the new Ferndale High School building, I encourage you to submit an application.
6. The next meeting of the Bond Oversight Committee is scheduled for next Tuesday, June 18, 6:00 pm in the Mountain View Campus Conference Room at 5780 Hendrickson Road, Ferndale, WA. These meetings are open to the public and [the agenda is posted here](#).
7. Contracts are being negotiated with all of the district pre-design sub-contractors. Contractors include:
 - Drayton Archaeology
 - Pacific Survey & Engineering
 - EHSI - (only for Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment)
 - The Watershed Company
 - Transpo Group
 - GeoEngineers

If you have questions or comments about any of this, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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