

BOND

UPDATE #11

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

1. On Monday, May 6, our partners from Dykeman Architects joined our regular weekly Bond Steering Committee meeting to talk about an inclusive process and timeline for community engagement. We made a key decision in setting the date for the first in what we anticipate will be a series of Town Hall style meetings during the design phase of the Ferndale High School project. This first Town Hall meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 11, 6:30-8:00 pm, in the Ferndale High School Cafeteria. Everyone is invited to attend. The agenda will include introducing the architectural team and providing an overview of the various ways we will be gathering input from stakeholders about the high school design.
2. As part of the design process, we will soon be recruiting for a Design Advisory Committee that will be made up of representative staff, students, parents, and community members. We anticipate this group, which will be selected through an application process, will play an important part in setting the vision for the high school project. Our goal is to have the members of the Design Advisory Committee selected in time to begin meeting during the first half of August 2019. Details to follow.
3. As with most major projects, this one has already begun to generate a number of acronyms. Here are four you might want to put in your "bond glossaries":
 - **CSG** = Construction Management Group (This is the firm we have hired to work for the District to manage our bond processes and projects for their duration. The two CSG people who have become part of our Ferndale team are Tex Ladish and Heidi Hansen, both of whom have a wealth of experience managing large construction projects in school districts.)
 - **BOC** = Bond Oversight Committee (These are the seven community members selected by their peers -- not by the School District -- to provide oversight throughout the process of completing the bond projects. Their mission is to help ensure these projects come in on budget, on time, as planned and with transparency. BOC members have selected Riley Cornelsen and Anya Milton to co-chair their group.)
 - **BSC** = Bond Steering Committee (This is the executive level management team to which the School Board has delegated decision-making authority for many aspects of the bond projects. Members of the BSC are Superintendent Linda

Quinn, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Support Services Mark Deebach, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching & Learning Scott Brittain, and FHS Planning Principal Jeremy Vincent.)

- **DAC** = Design Advisory Committee (The members of this group -- yet to be identified -- will represent staff, students, parents, and community members who commit to a fairly rigorous schedule of meetings and tours beginning in August 2019. This group will play an integral role in creating a vision for the new building.)
4. Also this week, Ferndale School District staff participated in a site walk with our architects so they could see firsthand the condition of current buildings at Ferndale High School. This experience will help provide a frame of reference for them during the design phase when staff, students, and community discuss the current high school environment. Dykeman staff also observed dismissal time at Ferndale High School to gather data about current traffic patterns and site limitations to guide their work in developing a site plan.
 5. We have selected several pre-design consultants based on input from our CSG Project Managers, the members of the Bond Oversight Committee, and former Bond Task Force Member Joe Lupo. We are in the process of negotiating contracts with the selected consultants. We will publish a list as soon as that step has been completed.
 6. We are pleased to share the results of our first Thoughtexchange, which was initiated by asking the broad question: *What is most important to you as we move forward with the bond projects?* These results help illuminate the values and priorities of our community. We have already shared them with our architects. Once we have established the Design Advisory Committee, we will also be asking them to review the Thoughtexchange results, along with and other forms of community input, to guide their recommendations about the design of the new Ferndale High School facility. Here is a link to those results:
<https://my.thoughtexchange.com/report/19d267d9286055b326a81f6f7d531341>.
 7. I need to make two corrections to last week's Bond Update:
 - a. Regarding the selection of pre-design consultants, last week I referred to hiring "geo-technicians." I have since learned that the correct term is geo-engineers.
 - b. Regarding the City's interest in Old Main, last week I wrote: *"The City Council recently approved a contract for consulting services to perform an assessment of the Old Main building to determine if it is feasible for the City to continue moving forward with the conversation."* I have since learned that the City Council did not approve the contract; rather, the decision to pursue consulting services was made by City administration.

My thanks to those of you who are reading these weekly updates and helping to ensure they are accurate!

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

Linda