

BOND

UPDATE #7

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1. The School Board officially approved a description of the Bond Oversight Committee at their March 26 business meeting. The final description the Board adopted, which will now become part of District policy, is the result of the conversation between the Oversight Committee and the School Board on March 20. A copy of this description can be found [here](#).
2. We hosted a mandatory tour of the FHS campus on Friday, April 5, for architectural firms interested in submitting bids to design the new Ferndale High School. We were excited by the level of interest. Nine firms sent teams to participate in the tour. (Three members of the Oversight Committee also attended to observe the process.)
3. Architectural firms choosing to take the next step and formally apply for our project were required to submit their Statements of Qualifications by Thursday, April 11, at 3:00 pm. We received five submissions.
4. Based on the applications they submit, we will be inviting several architectural firms to interview with us on Monday, April 22.
5. Two members of the Oversight Committee met with the two leads from our project management firm, CSG (Construction Management Group), on Tuesday, April 9, to begin to build relationships and also to familiarize themselves with the interview process for architects.
6. One of our key values as we consider proposals from architectural firms is the architect's approach to seeking public input. We expect the architect selected to design Ferndale High School will help us design an inclusive process for developing Ed Specs -- the narrative version of our educational needs which will eventually be turned into blueprints. Providing opportunities for stakeholders to be involved in that Ed Specs process is very important to us, and we are looking for an architect that shares the value we place on community input.
7. Conversations with the City about repurposing Old Main as the new City Hall are ongoing. The ball is currently in the City's court, with City officials continuing to study the feasibility of their idea. In the event that the City decides to pursue this plan, we have asked the Bond Oversight Committee to meet with several District administrators, the Mayor, and City Manager on Thursday, April 18, 7:00 pm at the Ferndale High School Library, to review pros and cons, provide input, and make

recommendations. (Like meetings of the School Board, all meetings of the Oversight Committee are open to the public.

8. In response to the District's invitations to apply, we have received applications from consultants for various necessary services that need to be completed as part of the preparation and design phase of our project. These consultants are experts in such fields as archeology, geo-tech, environmental regulations, and hazmat. We expect to hire the necessary consultants by the middle of May 2019.
9. We are currently beginning the process of conducting pre-design research. For instance, a team toured the new Anacortes High School facility in March. This past week, we participated in a telephone meeting with representatives from Phillips Academy Andover to discuss that school's approach to designing spaces -- like libraries and math classrooms -- with the future in mind. We also discussed the robust public input process used by Phillips Academy during their design process. This telephone meeting was facilitated by Phillips Academy Andover Alumni and Vista Middle School Teacher, Amy Nylén. It was attended by members of the Ferndale School District Bond Steering Committee, Anya Milton (Oversight Committee), and Cathy Watson (City Council).
10. On Friday, April 12, a District/FHS team interviewed candidates for an additional Ferndale High School Assistant Principal to begin work on July 1, 2019. This new administrator will provide the additional support needed at the high school during the design and construction phases of the bond project, when building leaders will be expected to take on a great deal of new bond-related work. We anticipate naming the new Assistant Principal no later than Friday, April 19.