

BOND UPDATE #101

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This is what's going on with our bond projects:

1. The surveyors were on the Ferndale High school campus most of the week marking out the locations of the new buildings, which is a sign that we have completed the design phase and will soon begin the construction phase of the project.
2. A number of other preparations for the construction phase also occurred this past week. Electricians and locators painted out the existing underground utilities that will need to be rerouted around the new building footprint. They cut and capped power to the grandstands, concession stand, and field lights in preparation for demolition of Memorial Stadium. The storage Conex box (shipping container) next to the CTE (Career & Technical Education) building was moved to make way for a new construction entrance. CTE canopy material is being relocated. And power was also cut and capped in this area to prepare for a safe demolition during spring break.
3. The work we have scheduled at FHS during Spring Break (April 3-11) includes: (a) setting up a time lapse camera to record the progress of the project; (b) beginning construction of the entrance to the site through the property leased from the railroad; and (c) surveying electrical and communications lines to the existing facilities to determine the best way to reroute power, phones, and data to ensure uninterrupted service during construction.
4. To celebrate the beginning of the construction phase of the new Ferndale High School project, we will be holding a Groundbreaking Ceremony on Tuesday, April 27, at 4:00 pm. A small planning team, which includes staff and students, will meet next Tuesday (March 30) to work out the details of the ceremony. Watch for more to come about this event.
5. We opened a number of additional bids from subcontractors on Wednesday of this week (March 24), and we will be opening another set

of bids later today (March 26). These most recent bid packages included interior finishes, doors and windows, exterior cladding and roofing, cafeteria equipment, athletic fields, and landscaping. Watch for a list of subcontractor who have been awarded the bids in one of my next weekly updates.

6. Once all the bids have been processed, we will be able to do another budget reconciliation, which will help us determine which of the bid alternates we can afford to accept.
7. This past Wednesday (March 24), representatives from the District, Dykeman Architects, Cornerstone Construction, Construction Services Group, and the Bond Oversight Committee took a field trip to Bellingham School District's Options High School and Sehome High School, both recently constructed and furnished. During our tour, we looked specifically at (a) ground, polished, and sealed concrete floors; (b) precast stairs; (c) repurposed gym flooring; (d) laminate wainscoting; (e) soundproofing; (f) wall padding in the gymnasium; (g) a displayed mechanical room; and (h) furniture, fixtures, and equipment (also called FF&E). Although we had visited both of these schools earlier in our process, this time our focus was much more fine-grained and intentionally aimed at informing the detailed decisions about our own school we will need to make during the next weeks and months.
8. The Critical Maintenance Projects called out in the 2019 bond include several roof repairs. The roofing project at Central Elementary started this week. We expect it will take approximately four weeks to complete.
9. On Tuesday, March 30, the Bond Oversight Committee will be making its quarterly report to the Ferndale School Board at the Board's regular business meeting, which will be held via Zoom video conferencing. Login credentials for the meeting are as follows:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86025618361>

If you have questions or comments about any of the content of this update, please feel free to reach out to me or one of my colleagues.

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