

BOND UPDATE #161

6.24.22

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

1. The Bond Oversight Committee met this past Tuesday and planned their upcoming quarterly presentation to the Ferndale School Board, made plans to have a booth at the Old Settler's Days event to share project information with the public, and as always reviewed the project schedule and budget.
2. Work on the FHS campus has continued to progress during the past week. Some of the highlights are outlined below:

Grandstands

- Roofing work on the Grandstands has begun and will continue over the next week or so. Seating and other smaller items continue to be detailed. The Grandstands should be complete in early July, but just a reminder: The early completion of the grandstands does not mean the new field will be installed and usable earlier than planned. We accelerated the construction of the grandstands to avoid cost escalation, but the sequencing for the field completion cannot be moved up.

Athletic Wing

- Exhaust ductwork over the kitchen has wrapped up. Soon, installation of the framework below the ductwork that supports the ceiling, lights and exhaust hoods will begin.
- Mechanical and electrical installation is complete, which will allow sheetrock to be hung in the remaining areas of the Athletic Wing.
- The locker and athletic rooms are now moving on to the final finished products. Paint, tile and ceiling grid are all underway in different areas. Cabinet installation in this area will get started over the next couple of weeks.
- Lockers will arrive to be installed on July 11.
- Wood flooring installation in the Main Gym is ongoing and will be primarily installed this week. Next week, the floor will be sanded, followed by striping and final finish the following week.
- The final masonry block that wraps the wing likely will get started next week.

Academic Wing & Commons

- Painting on the second floor is now complete.
- Ceiling grid installation is ongoing on the second floor. The west end is complete; work on the east end has started and will wrap up in early July.
- Cabinet installation at the west end of the first floor is complete. The east end is making good progress and will be ongoing over the next few weeks.

- Siding work has made good progress and will likely be complete around the entire Commons area and Academic Wing by the end of June.
- Window sunshade installation is 95% complete.
- Installation of the storefront systems (the large windows that close in the stairwells and eventually the commons area) are moving along nicely. We anticipate this work to be close to complete by early July.
- Bathroom tile installation on the first floor is complete. The west end of the second floor is also finished, and crews are now working on the tile at the east end of the second floor.
- The fall protection system – which will be used by district staff to perform rooftop maintenance – has been installed.

CTE Village

- The foundation walls for the agriculture science buildings are complete and crews are working to wrap up the foundation of the greenhouse. We anticipate making our first concrete slab pour around July 25.
- Electricians and plumbers have completed their deep piping and are now working on the shallow piping, preparing for the first slab pour.

Old Gymnasium

- Newer items in the old gym, such as lights and scoreboards, are being removed this week and next week by school district staff. These items will be reused in other district-owned facilities.
- Some of the existing gym wood flooring will be reused in the new high school. It will be used on some of the walls around the gym area, as well as for bench tops in the Commons area. This flooring will be removed between July 5-9.
- Once the salvage items are collected, hazardous material removal and demolition will begin on July 11.

3. At the end of this week's update, you will find several photos of the Ferndale High School site with captions. You can also find more photos on the district website at the following link: [Bond 2019 - Ferndale School District \(ferndalesd.org\)](http://ferndalesd.org)
4. The Ferndale School Board will hold their next regular meeting on Tuesday at Mountain View at which the Board will receive an update on bond-related projects.
5. As we have reported in a previous bond update, the District has formed a committee to oversee the grant we received from the State's Arts in Public Places Program to put art in the new Ferndale High School. With the help of a curator, this committee of stakeholders will select the specific artwork that will ultimately be purchased and installed.

The Art Committee met for the first time in March to get an overview of the requirements of the grant and also to select a curator. Regarding the latter,

committee members chose Susano Surface. Susano has a degree from Yale School of Architecture, along with an impressive resume of experiences in fashion photography, real estate, graphic design, and art curation.

On June 14, the Art Committee held its second meeting. Following introductions and a conversation with Susano, members toured the construction site with representatives of Dykeman Architects and Cornerstone General Contractors to get an idea of potential sites for artwork.

The next step in the process will be for Susano to begin researching art pieces that might meet the goals expressed by committee members. These pieces will then be presented to members for their final decision-making.

We have listed the members of the committee below. The three names highlighted in yellow have joined the group since we last published a roster.

Questions about the FHS Art Committee can be directed to Linda Quinn at linda.quinn@ferndalesd.org or 253-678-5897.

Linda Quinn	Committee Facilitator/ Retired Ferndale Superintendent
Ravinder Dhillon	FHS Principal
Steve Menefee	FHS Music Teacher/ Art Department Chair
Isaac Martin	FHS Art Teacher
Rigel Weis	FHS Art Teacher
Sydney Mewett	FHS Student
Diana Castro-Escobar	FHS Student
Helena Somers	FHS Student
Mia Owings	FHS Native American Student Advisor
Matt Warbus	FHS Lummi Language and Leadership Teacher
Alvaro Vincente	ELL Coordinator and MEChA Advisor
Jamie Plenkovich	Director of Maintenance and Transportation/ Ferndale School District
Lexie Tom	Administrator/Lummi Nation School
Faith Ellsworth	Local Artist
Kevin Coleman	Community Outreach & Sales Director/Veritas Media
Terry Terry	Community Member (Lummi Island)
Mark Deebach	Interim Superintendent (ex officio member)
Valerie Peterman	Project Manager/ Arts in Public Places Program

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.

Mark



Wood flooring installation in the Main Gym is just about wrapped up



A couple of the water boilers that will provide hot water to the heating system



Ongoing foundation work at the CTE Village



Underground electrical piping that will serve the CTE Village



This is an aerial project photo from June 2021...



...and this is our aerial project photo from June 2022. Facing many challenges over the winter, our contractors have done a great job getting past those hurdles and making this much progress while staying on schedule. Great job to all of our crews working on the project!