

# BOND UPDATE #30

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

1. This week, we continued our work to solicit input to inform the visioning stage of designing our new high school. Architects and district administrators met with employee groups, held interviews, hosted open houses, and put on assembly-style events for students at FHS and our two middle schools. The information we gathered through these activities is being collated and shared with the Design Advisory Committee.
2. We hosted a community visioning event in partnership with the Ferndale Chamber of Commerce on Monday evening, September 23, at Pioneer Pavilion. The *Ferndale Record* covered this event. If you are a subscriber, you can find that article here: <https://www.ferndalerecord.com/fsd-heads-to-the-drawing-board/>
3. The second community visioning event this week will occur tonight on Friday, September 27, 5:30-7:00 pm (prior to the home football game), in the Ferndale High School Cafeteria. Everyone is invited. **Come hungry as the Ferndale FFA Concession Stand will be on-site selling BBQ!**
4. Our team from Dykeman Architects began meeting with small groups of FHS staff to start the Ed Specs process this week. The purpose of these meetings is to drill down into the details about how specific spaces in the building (like science labs, counseling offices, social studies classrooms, etc.) are used. We received positive reports about these meetings and also lots of valuable information the architects will use when they start the actual drawings for the new high school.
5. On Monday, September 23, members of the Bond Steering Committee, CSG, Dykeman and the School Board interviewed three GC/CM General Contracting firms under the watchful eye of two of the Bond Oversight Committee members -- Cornerstone, Dawson, and FORMA. These interviews constituted the second part of our selection process. Each interview was 90-minutes long and included a formal presentation, a case study, a scenario, and questions. Following the interviews, the Ferndale School District requested that Dawson and Cornerstone submit formal proposals that include their fee structure. These proposals are due to the District Office by 3:00 pm on October 9. We will open the proposals and read the numbers publicly at that time. We anticipate making a final selection of a contractor by the end of October 2019.
6. On Tuesday, September 24, the Design Advisory Committee (DAC) met in the Ferndale High School Cafeteria. Committee members reviewed feedback from visioning meetings with students and staff. They used this information to begin to create the themes and guiding principles they want the architects to use as they

draw the plans for the new high school. For instance, one of the emerging themes focuses on flexibility and adaptability. In other words, DAC members want to make sure the new school design is flexible enough to accommodate a variety of learning needs now and also adaptable to future changes in education. Another emerging theme focuses on the high school as a community resource. In other words, the design needs to facilitate community use of the facility after hours, on weekends, and during the summer. By the end of October, we anticipate DAC will be able to finalize and publish their complete list of guiding principles.

7. The members of the Design Advisory Committee have been invited to an optional tour of the new Lynden Middle School on Tuesday, October 1, 4:30-5:30 pm. The next regular meeting of the DAC is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15, 4:00-6:00 pm, at Ferndale High School.
8. On Tuesday evening, September 24, the Ferndale School Board held its regular monthly business meeting. Approximately three dozen local labor union representatives attended this meeting to communicate the importance of ensuring our upcoming construction project provides union jobs and apprenticeships within our community for people who live in our community. We are exploring options for how we might implement their suggestions.

If you have questions or comments about anything in this update, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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