

Meeting Agenda

12/01/2017

Meeting #3

7 p.m. – 9 p.m., December 5, 2017

Meridian High School

194 West Laurel Rd, Bellingham, WA 98226

Project overview:

A comprehensive facilities assessment in 2010 noted that many of Ferndale School District's schools need either renovation or replacement. The District has been listening to citizens and considering various scenarios to address the district's school facilities based on their feedback. In April 2017, the School Board decided to develop a bond package, primarily focused on renovating Ferndale High School to put before voters in November 2018. A Bond Task Force has been convened to provide community input into development of the total bond package.

Meeting objectives:

- Understand current conditions of the district's schools (e.g. aging facilities)
- Understand cost drivers for school facilities
- Learn about funding for schools
- Develop Task Force overarching priorities for addressing facility needs

Key takeaways:

- Understanding of costs and funding associated with school facilities
- Understanding of the district's current facilities conditions
- Task Force prioritization of the district's current facilities challenges

Example community questions:

- How aware are you of the conditions and challenges with our school facilities?
- How important is it to you that the district address the challenges with school facilities?
- What facilities challenges do you think the district should be focusing on?

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Time	Item	Presenter(s)
6:15 PM	Optional Tour, Meridian High School	
7:00 PM	Welcome and introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions • Overview of meeting agenda, meeting materials and ground rules • Task force report out – hear from members what they're hearing from their communities Outcome: <i>Get oriented to the meeting and learn from each other to inform knowledge of community values and concerns</i>	Penny Mabie, EnviroIssues, Facilitator

Time	Item	Presenter(s)
7:10 PM	Funding school facilities improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on funding facilities improvements • Questions and discussion • Record questions for the Recommendations Sub-Committee to consider Outcome: <i>Understand what it takes to fund facilities improvements</i>	David Trageser
7:25 PM	State funding limitations and requirements for school improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on the limitations and requirements for state construction assistance funding • Questions and discussion • Record questions for the Recommendations Sub-Committee to consider Outcome: <i>Understand the limitations to state construction funding available to Ferndale and requirements for accessing that funding</i>	David Trageser Terry Brown, Architect Mark Deebach
7:40 PM	Overview of facilities conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on the current conditions of Ferndale schools • Questions and discussion • Record questions for the Recommendations Sub-Committee to consider Outcome: <i>Understand the current conditions of Ferndale schools in the district</i>	Terry Brown
7:55 PM	Costs, drivers & trade offs for facilities improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on the costs, drivers and trade-offs of making facilities improvements • Questions and discussion • Record questions for the Recommendations Sub-Committee to consider Outcome: <i>Understand what the Ferndale School District needs to consider when allocating funding</i>	Terry Brown
8:35 PM	Report out from Communications Working Sub-Committee (CWSC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of meeting results • Recommendations for Task Force to consider Outcome: <i>Hear recommendations from the CWSC and decide which to move forward with</i>	Connie Faria, Task Force member
8:45 PM	Task Force Charter and Guiding Principles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review draft guiding principles • Agree on changes and the request to the School Board • Agree on guiding principles Outcome: <i>Reach agreement on the charter and guiding principles of the Task Force</i>	Penny Mabie

Time	Item	Presenter(s)
8:55 PM	Next steps and action items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendations Working Sub-Committee meeting: December 13, Vista Middle School, Room 16, 6051 Vista Drive, 7 – 9 p.m. Next Task Force meeting – January 9, TBD location Action items 	Penny Mabie
9:00 PM	Adjourn	

Draft ground rules

- Start and end on time.
- Silence electronics.
- Ask questions of each other to gain clarity and understanding.
- Express yourself in terms of your preferences, interests and outcomes you wish to achieve.
- Listen respectfully, and try sincerely to understand the needs and interests of others.
- Come with curiosity and willingness to learn.