

Fleetwood Park Secondary PAC

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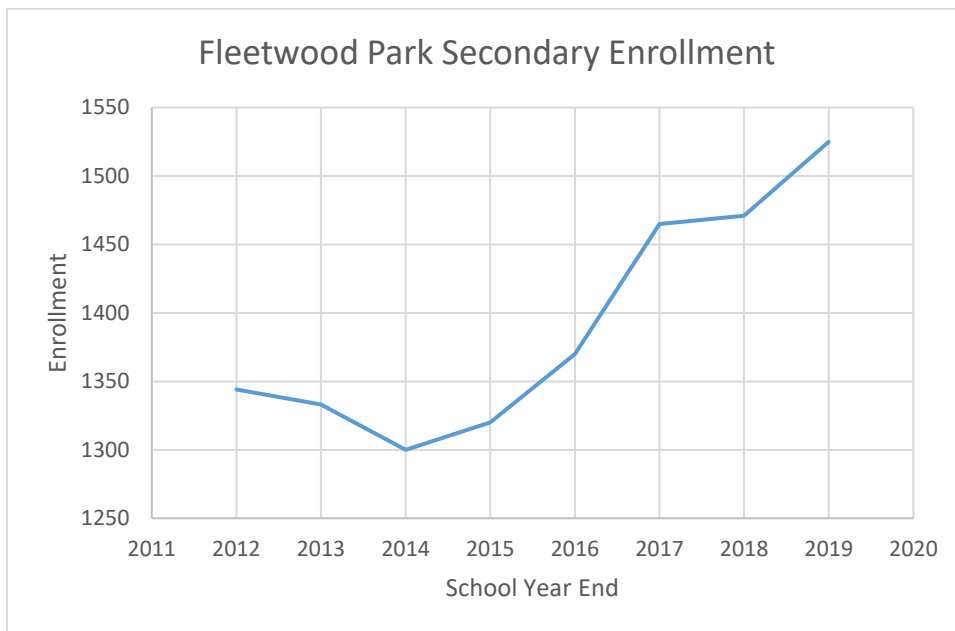
Surrey School Board
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To whom it may concern,

We, the members of the Fleetwood Park Secondary School PAC Executive, respectfully ask that you consider reprioritizing the expansion of the Fleetwood Park Secondary School to a higher priority. According to the five-year capital plan, it is currently #33 out of 36 Projects in Priority.

We believe this addition should be a higher priority for the following reasons.

1. Enrollment has been climbing steadily over the last 7 years, exceeding estimated numbers. See Note 1 for actual figures.

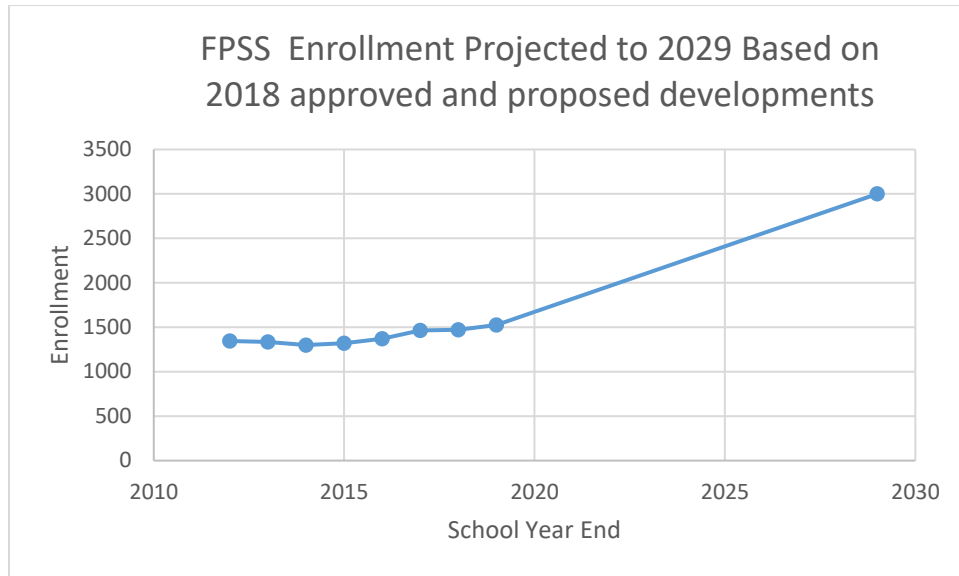


The school is already at maximum capacity with 1525 students currently enrolled and with four portables on site. In between classes, the hallways are so crowded that students are carrying 25lb backpacks that include all their text books and notebooks because they are unable to make it to their lockers and to class in time. The highly congested hallways during class break illustrate a major safety concern if students need to exit the building in an emergency. Overcrowding during lunch

means lineups for cafeteria food are so long that by the time the last people in line reach the cafeteria, there is little or no food, and little or no time to eat. Many students do not eat lunch for that reason. It is well known that good access to nutrition has a significant impact on learning. As for lunch space, the common area for eating has insufficient space available for lunch tables. Consequently, many students end up sitting on the dirty floors to eat their lunches. This lack of sanitation is unacceptable! And the common area used for lunches is a multi-use space that is used for many other large group purposes like concerts and presentations. Sometimes that already inadequate lunch space is further reduced due to the set-up needs of other programs. Overcrowding undoubtedly reduces the quality of the educational experience for the students and for the teachers and support personnel. Our students and children deserve better!

Currently, there are not enough classrooms. Science classes are sometimes held in non-lab rooms, significantly reducing the quality of science education. General classes are sometimes held in computer labs, because there are not enough general classrooms available. In addition, there are not enough LST classrooms. Students that get identified during the year as needing an LST block cannot get into an LST block and therefore fail to get the help they need. This will just lead to more academic failure for these students. Instead of getting the intervention they need, these students will just struggle along with failing marks and are at much greater risk for failing to graduate and failing to support themselves in adult life. As parents, we are tired of the short-term solution of throwing more portables at a problem that clearly requires strategic and efficient long-term planning. Our school needs to be near the top of the priority expansion lists to adequately service a school that is clearly bursting at the seams.

2. Enrollment will continue to climb as there are many housing development projects currently approved and awaiting approval within the catchment. Even if only 1 child comes from each unit from the approved and proposed developments in our catchment, (see Note 2 at end of letter) that will be an **estimated additional 1,479 children** that would eventually attend Fleetwood Park Secondary School. This number (1479 additional students estimated) is conservative as some homes will have suites and some homes will have more than one student attending. Also, over the coming years, more development permits will be passed, so these numbers will only increase. The school is already at overcapacity. There are **4 portables** and every classroom and spare room is being used. As enrollment increases, more space will be needed for admin offices, counsellor's offices, more shops classrooms, and larger band rooms will be needed. **In 10 years, the enrollment at Fleetwood Park Secondary could easily double from the current 1525 to 3000 students!**



It is clear Fleetwood Park Secondary is already over capacity in terms of the students the school currently serves. Realizing that the school population will easily double in the next 10 to 15 years, **an expansion is not only needed but is already overdue**. As parents of current students of the school we are concerned for the future educational needs of our area. It is imperative that our school move up to near the top of your 5 year capital plan so the school can adequately serve the needs of our community.

Sincerely,

Fleetwood Park Secondary School PAC

Note 1

These numbers were recorded in the PAC meeting minutes since 2011.

- 2011 to 2012 : 1344 over projection of 1324
- 2012 to 2013 : 1333 over projection of 1298
- 2013 to 2014 : 1300 close to projection (the number wasn't in the minutes)
- 2014 to 2015 : 1320 over projection of 1290
- 2015 to 2016 : 1370 over projection of 1320

- 2016 to 2017 : 1465 over projection of 1400
- 2017 to 2018 : 1471 close to the projection (the number wasn't in the minutes)
- 2018 to 2019 : 1525 over projection of 1501

Note 2

- The following development permits have been issued in the Fleetwood Park Secondary School catchment.
 - The Oasis on 160th and 84th that has 14 units.
 - 7778 152nd Street permit the development of approximately 265 townhouse units.
 - 16604 Fraser Hwy Development Permit to permit the development of approximately 95 townhouse units and two (2) remnant lots in Fleetwood
 - 17015 Fraser Hwy Development Permit to permit the development of 98 townhouse units and a remnant lot.
- The following development permits are in process
 - 8363 166A St Development Permit for subdivision within Hazard Lands and Sensitive Eco-system DP areas
 - 8129 164 St Development Permit to construct 10 townhouse units.
 - 15820 Fraser Hwy Development Permit to permit 528 apartment units.
 - 15735 Fraser Hwy Development Permit in order to construct 13 Townhouse Units
 - 8835 Fleetwood Way Development Permit to permit a mixed commercial/residential building with 4905 sq.m. of commercial space and 65 residential units
 - 15142 Fraser Hwy Development Permit to allow for the construction of two (2) apartment buildings (65 & 60 units)
 - 8483 164 St Development Permit in order to develop a ten (10) unit with two (2) - three (3) storey building
 - 15820 Fraser Hwy Development permit to permit the development of approximately 137 townhouse units on the southern portion of this site in Fleetwood.
 - 16882 Fraser Hwy Development Permit in order to allow for the development of seventeen (17) townhouses
 - 8380 160 St Development Permit in order to permit sixty (60) residential units, and 991.0 sq.m. of commercial space
 - 8333 164 St Development Permit to permit the development of 42 townhouse units in Fleetwood.

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