



BGC: Bearcat Growth Committee
January 24, 2019
Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order by Co-chairs Christi James and Jim Scott at 6:00 pm with 36 members present. Aledo ISD non-committee staff members present were Dr. Susan Bohn, Lynn McKinney, Amber Crissey, Earl Husfeld, Rick Herrin, Tyler Boswell, Judy Worthington and Caroline Tabor. Aledo ISD Board Members present were Hoyt Harris, Jennifer Loftin and David Lear. All were welcomed by BGC Co-Chairs Jim Scott and Christi James. Mrs. James explained the parking lot system for asking questions during each meeting. Each committee member was asked to introduce themselves to the group sharing their occupation, connection to the district, and what their motivation was to be a member of this committee.
2. Mr. Scott reviewed the purpose of the committee was discussed. The purpose is to represent the community as we study a great deal of data; facility needs, demographic and enrollment information, financial information and the instructional focus in order to determine a bond proposal to recommend to the school board. The charge is to make a plan that is in the best interest of our students while being transparent with all we do as a committee and with sharing the information in the community. The complete purpose and the committee charge are available on the website in their entirety. All questions posed by BGC members will be included in the BGC Q and A document and available for all to review on the website. The document will be updated as questions are submitted.
3. The state of the school district was reviewed by Dr. Bohn, including the district's instructional focus and information about projected district growth and finances. Very specific data will be available to the BGC and community in the coming weeks. Please review the PowerPoint presentation to see all the specifics that were shared.
4. Mr. Scott discussed the outline of meetings for the remainder of this semester:
 - Feb. 7th - demographic report
 - Feb. 21st - bond finance
 - March 7th - instruction/technology/costs
 - March 28th - AMS and Vandagriff tours
 - April 11th - Facility needs/2015 bond closeout plan
 - April 25th - begin to build bond package
 - May 9th - final consensus on bond package*It was discussed that more meetings may be necessary to accomplish our goals



5. Mrs. James opened up a discussion of group norms and committee members shared their feedback. Mrs. Scott opened up a discussion of things to consider when determining how the group can work toward consensus. Ideas included full transparency in the committee meetings and in the community, small group discussions at tables with share as a whole group, making sure every voice is heard, sharing concerns with co-chairs if you want to remain anonymous, encouraging the members to be brave with sharing their ideas and concerns.

Committee members emphasized need for transparency for the community and the ready availability of facts that the community can access.

Committee members also emphasized that this BGC process be different by effectively addressing concerns raised in the past regarding previous bond planning processes.

6. Rick Herrin explained all BGC members have access to all information on Google drive file.

In addition, all meeting documents and information in BGC file will be posted on the Bearcat Growth Committee webpage on the district's website.

7. Mr. Scott and Mrs. James closed the meeting. Mr. Scott reminded us as the meeting was adjourned that, "It's not my kid, not your kid, it's our kids" whom we are working for.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.