



BGC: Bearcat Growth Committee
April 25, 2019
Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order by co-chairs Mrs. Christi James and Mr. Jim Scott at 6 p.m. with thirty-one members present. Aledo ISD non-committee staff members present were Dr. Susan Bohn, Lynn McKinney, Amber Crissey, Earl Husfeld, Rick Herrin, Tyler Boswell, and Randy Campbell. Board Members present were Jennifer Loftin, Julie Turner, and Jessica Brown.
2. Mr. Earl Husfeld, Aledo ISD Chief Financial Officer, shared information to answer questions from committee members. Please see Bearcat Growth Committee Finance Questions slide for a list of the questions.
3. Dr. Susan Bohn, AISD Superintendent, shared information based on the long term (10-year planning tool) for two scenarios.

Scenario 1 has information if the BGC chooses to not use Vandagriff Elementary School as an elementary campus, to renovate McAnally to be an elementary school and to build a new elementary school.

Scenario 2 involves the renovation of Vandagriff as an elementary school and converts McAnally to an elementary school.

Both of these long-term plans use maximum capacity numbers, not functional capacity numbers.

Dr. Bohn then discussed the possibility of renovating Vandagriff Elementary to become an early childhood center. If the BGC committee decided not to recommend the renovation of Vandagriff to continue to be an elementary school, the district would house Pre-Kindergarten, Pre-School Program for Children with Disabilities (PPCD), PALS speech therapy program, and the employee day care



center for 3 to 5 year olds. It would be a possibility to expand these programs.

4. Mr. Scott then reviewed the BGC Purpose and the Charge of the BGC and significant information and data that has been provided to the BGC.

Mr. Scott then asked each table group to discuss for 20 minutes what they believe is the most important information for consideration as the committee determines a future bond proposal.

Each small group presented out their ideas which included:

- The longer we wait to build more schools, the more it will cost
 - We need more classroom space, and we are currently behind
 - Demographer data is significant and our demographer has a proven track record
 - Equity across all campuses should be considered, for example, students need collaborative learning space
 - Maximum capacity does not create a productive learning environment
 - Middle school is critical due to increasing enrollment
 - Educating the public on need and school finance issues is going to be critical
 - Share our proven history of managing our finances as a district
 - Bond election doesn't necessarily mean tax rate will increase
 - District must begin getting the word out/messaging to educate the public
5. Mrs. James then discussed that as we move forward as a group we need to determine how we will determine when we reach consensus as a committee. Each committee member indicated their percentage to consider for consensus. The decision was 80% consensus of the committee to take a proposal to the board.



6. Mr. Scott then asked each table group to work for 45 minutes to develop preliminary bond packages to share with the group. Each table group shared their ideas with the entire committee. Mr. Scott checked for any preliminary consensus among the entire group on particular ideas for projects.
7. Mr. Scott reminded the committee members that the next meeting will be held on May 9th at 5:00 p.m. at the administration building. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.