



BGC: Bearcat Growth Committee
February 7, 2019
Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order by Co-chairs Christi James and Jim Scott at 6:00 pm with thirty-seven members present. Aledo ISD non-committee staff members present were Dr. Susan Bohn, Earl Husfeld, Rick Herrin, Tyler Boswell, and Samantha Beyl. Aledo ISD Board Members present were Jessica Brown and Bobby Rigues. Mrs. James asked Walsh Elementary teacher and committee member Bobby Taylor to introduce himself since he could not attend the first meeting. Mrs. James then asked the board members in attendance to introduce themselves.
2. Mrs. James introduced Bob Templeton and Trent Smith from Templeton Demographics and turned the meeting over to Mr. Templeton to start his presentation. The presentation of the demographic data began at 6:05 pm and included information on:
 - Methodology: monthly tracking of data streams.
 - Economic Conditions: unemployment, construction sub market, etc.
 - Texas Enrollment Trends: 85% of 28 million state residents live in DFW, Austin Houston triangle.
 - Housing: Lot availability, Student Yield & Distribution, 5 & 10 Year Forecasts
 - Capacity Chart: Functional vs. Max. Capacities.
 - Summary: 5-year enrollment forecasted to be 8,758 Students & 10-year enrollment forecasted to be 12,330 Students.
 - Q&A: Mr. Templeton answered several questions from the committee to help clarify the data.
3. Mrs. James explained how the group would break up into smaller work groups during the meeting to answer several questions regarding the demographic data that they had just heard:
 - What are your takeaways?
 - What further questions do you have?
 - What are the most significant needs?
 - What is the one most important thing that the community needs to know?

Each group worked together to answer these questions and recorded their answers.

4. Mr. Scott explained how each working group would take three other groups' answers to one of the questions and pick out the 3-5 most important answers. Each group worked together to choose the 3-5 most important answers/takeaways and recorded that information. Then, a member of each group reported out their findings to the large group, and the larger group engaged in discussion about the three questions. Groups discussed apparent need for middle school and elementary school space due to concern



that multiple campuses are at or close to reaching functional capacity, accuracy of demographic projections over the years, and a need for strategic growth planning.

5. Mr. Scott and Mrs. James shared the list of the most important things that the BGC believes the community needs to know (compiled from input from the working groups).
6. Mr. Scott and Mrs. James shared that any questions posed by the group that were not answered during the meeting would be answered by district staff and provided to the group. They also encouraged the group to communicate on social media information and data so that the community has the opportunity to hear from BGC members. The committee discussed how they might share the information.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.