

MEETING DATE: July 21, 2014

AGENDA ITEM: Presentation – Bearcat Academy

PRESENTER: Dr. Derek Citty, Superintendent; Denise Dugger, Executive Director for

Accountability and Professional Development

## **ALIGNS TO BOARD GOAL(S):**

#3. Parents and members of the community will have meaningful opportunities to participate in the educational processes of the Aledo ISD, and

#6. The District shall establish systems and processes to evaluate organizational effectiveness and customer satisfaction.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

An important responsibility of the district at-large is to keep the community informed and aware of the inner workings of Aledo ISD. While members of the school community are well apprised of the activities and coursework of their children, they oftentimes do not know a great deal about the inner workings of the District.

In addition, the tenets of HB 5 also encourage districts to seek out opportunities to engage the community in various ways to assure the community that their investment in the District is used wisely.

## ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION(S):

The Bearcat Academy will be a group of approximately 30 patrons of AISD who will meet monthly as a breakfast meeting to learn about various divisions and functions of the District. Meetings will be held September through May with no meeting held in December.

The structure of each meeting will be similar in nature. Each Academy meeting will begin with an offer of a continental breakfast and start at 9:00 AM. After a welcome by Administration, a focus will be made each month on a different District department.

Of particular note for Trustees, Administration will ask you to attend a meeting of the Bearcat Academy and participate in a question and answer session with the members of the Academy.

Finally, each class will be recognized in June at the conclusion of their year at a Board of Trustees meeting.

Appointments to the committee during its inaugural year will come from the following sources:

Board of Trustees – 1 nomination each (7)
Campus Principals – 2 nominations each (18)
Superintendent's Cabinet - 5 nominations (5)

Subsequent classes will be based on nominations from the current Bearcat Academy participants.

**FISCAL NOTE:** There is no additional impact to the 2014-15 budget. The existing budget for the superintendent will be used to support this program.

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMENDATION:** There is no recommendation associated with this item as it is report-only.