



# Elgin Math & Science Academy

## Enviro Group Meeting

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### Date and Time

Friday March 4, 2022 at 9:00 AM CST

### Location

Dining Hall  
EMSA Campus  
1600 Dundee Ave  
Elgin

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### Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
<b>I. Opening Items</b>			<b>9:00 AM</b>
A. Record Attendance			1 m
B. Call the Meeting to Order			
C. Approve February Meeting Minutes	Approve Minutes		2 m
<b>II. Campus Hike to Review Areas of Use</b>			<b>9:03 AM</b>
A. Proposed Campus Map	Discuss	Sue Bennett	10 m
B. Visit Areas of Current and Proposed Student Use	Discuss	Gary Swick	30 m
<b>III. Environmental Work Group--Subcommittee to Master Plan and Facilities</b>			<b>9:43 AM</b>
A. EMSA Mission-Vision-Goal Setting Enviro Recommendations	Discuss	Sue Bennett	15 m
Draft Mission: The Elgin Math and Science Academy cultivates the whole child through EL Education and social responsibility to develop leaders who solve real world problems.			
Draft Vision: EMSA will be a sought after educational institution that prepares and motivates each student for a rapidly changing world by instilling critical thinking skills, a global perspective, and the importance of our Habits of Scholarship: respect, responsibility, courage and creativity.			

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What are some objectives and goals that the Enviro Committee would like to suggest?

**B.** Goal setting/vision of work group Discuss  
**C.** Ecosystem Education--Quick update or check in at next meeting Discuss Team 5 m

1. Campus map.
2. Teacher support on ecosystems, it was discussed to start with staff meetings and plan environmental components based upon staff interests.
3. Partnership with Friends of the Fox--How do we deliver hands-on, local nature-based science NEXT STEPS:
4. Friday Field Studies. Agreed to look into the possibilities.
5. Partnership with Forest Preserve of Kane County.
6. Enviro Club:
7. EMSA Passion Projects

**D.** Trails and Walkways Discuss Richard Wilson 1 m

**E.** Native Plantings Updates - Grants Available Discuss

- National Enviro Ed
- IDNR - Update "School Yard Habitat Action Grant" due 11/30/22, approval in February 2023; \$1,000 (K. Kelly)

**F.** Water Runoff--Updates Discuss Team

- New Area by Gym
- Teacher / Student interest in participating and/or learning from water programs

**G.** Playgrounds & Natural Play Areas Update Discuss

- Removal of the bouncy feature at the abandoned playground
- Passion Project: Focus on creating more space while respecting nature is one area

**H.** Chimney Swifts and Other Bird Protections Updates Discuss Richard Wilson

- Seeking funding to add bird strike prevention per the existing bid
- Window paintings on the dining hall and dorm served the purpose of eliminating bird strikes. Publish this success story with pictures

**I.** Ongoing Tree Care & Planned Landscaping Richard Wilson & Dan Alexander

**IV. Other Business 10:04 AM**

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<b>A. What else do we need to be thinking about?</b>			1 m

- HWY 25 Entry Signs - Update
- Land Acknowledgements - Update

**V. Closing Items**

**10:05 AM**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

Vote