



Elgin Math & Science Academy

Environmental Work Group Meeting

Date and Time

Friday November 11, 2022 at 1:30 PM CST

Location

Dining Hall

1600 Dundee Ave; Elgin, IL 60120

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			1:30 PM
A. Record Attendance			1 m
B. Call the Meeting to Order			
C. Approve September 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes	Approve Minutes		1 m
 II. Environmental Work Group--Subcommittee to Master Plan and Facilities			 1:32 PM
A. Ecosystem Education	Discuss	Team	10 m
1. Teacher support on ecosystem education 2. Partnership with Friends of the Fox 3. Friday Field Studies 4. Partnership with Forest Preserve of Kane County. 5. Enviro Club or Hiking Club plans 6. Casual trail/walking for staff/students now			
B. Educational Spaces, Playgrounds & Natural Play Areas	Discuss	Team	15 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kindergarten outdoor learning space • 4th grade sound impact from playground • Rain barrels--keep on radar • Gym-area playground--next steps (quote from GG, MS students to mulch) 			

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pollinator garden, Oak plantings, oak understory--maintenance plans • Weedy patch between Gym & Admin (not part of prior construction agreement?) Ideas/Plans			
C. Water Runoff--Updates What are proposals for Admin; what other areas of concerns might we monitor	Discuss	Team	5 m
D. Trails and Walkways	Discuss	Richard Wilson	5 m
E. Sound Wall (Illinois Tollway) Update from D Alexander.	Discuss	Dan Alexander	7 m
F. Tick Talk Approach to take to minimize tick bites-- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt official approach--provide rationale • Message to parents and staff • Permethrin-treated clothing as part of uniform? • Reconsider current school policy on bug spray • Abide by best practices for mowing to reduce ticks in specific play areas 	Discuss		5 m
G. Campus Map--Feedback and Next Steps	Discuss	Gary Swick	3 m
H. Map of Forest Preserve Staff have expressed interest in learning what is out there....do we want to take this on?	Discuss	Kerry Kelly	2 m
I. IDOT - Traffic on I-25		Dan Alexander	2 m
J. Tree signs Small signs for trees - FastSigns company suggested a sustainable material sign at lower cost than wood. See attached for suggested materials. 10 of the "max metal" signs with vinyl overlay are now \$266, or \$26 apiece in that quantity. The vendor gave us a discount and threw in the cost of holes in the signs, but material costs have increased (was \$206.92 this spring). There is no change in the cost of 10 cedar carven signs. Still \$713.75 as it was this spring What will the signs say exactly?	Discuss	Dan Alexander	2 m
K. EMSA Mission-Vision-Goal Setting Enviro Recommendations Next steps	Discuss	Sue Bennett	5 m

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L. Ongoing Tree Care & Planned Landscaping		Richard Wilson & Dan Alexander	2 m
M. Land acknowledgement Do we want to take the lead on this?			2 m
III. Other Business			2:37 PM
A. Discussion of additional capital spending items - landscaping Is there any wish to consider spending additional funds on landscaping?	Discuss		
B. What else do we need to be thinking about? • Dedication to Mr Richard--Silo Door Painting, other ideas			2 m
IV. Closing Items			2:39 PM
A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote		