



Elgin Math & Science Academy

Environmental Work Group Meeting

Date and Time

Friday April 21, 2023 at 7:00 AM CDT

Location

Neil/Elementary Cafeteria
1600 Dundee Ave; Elgin, IL 60120

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			7:00 AM
A. Record Attendance			1 m
B. Call the Meeting to Order		Kerry Kelly	
C. Approve Minutes	Approve Minutes		1 m
Approve minutes for Environmental Work Group Meeting on March 17, 2023			
II. Better World Day Project			7:02 AM
A. Updates	Discuss	EMSA Staff	5 m
III. Water Resource Management			7:07 AM
A. Administration Building Plans--Updates	Discuss	Dan Alexander & Chris Flaherty	10 m

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B. Rainwater Campus-wide	Discuss		2 m

IV. EMSA Parking Plan 7:19 AM

A. Parking Plan at EMSA	Discuss	Dan Alexander	8 m
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Review event parking flow from recent musical. Carpooling updates.

A description of how parking facilitation has worked for Descendants is attached.

B. Next steps			10 m
C. Outdoor lighting considerations	Discuss	Kerry Kelly	2 m

As stewards, we can strive to reduce light pollution and its impact on EMSA's trees and insects

<https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20230308-how-light-pollution-disrupts-plants-senses?ocid=ww.social.link.email>

V. Environmental Work Group Continuing Items 7:39 AM

A. Educational Spaces, Playgrounds & Natural Play Areas	Discuss	Team	10 m
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- Bird Strike Prevention
- Expanding play areas: behind Admin Bldg, in front of gym, beside gym, other
 - Gym-area playground--next steps (quote from GG, MS students to mulch)
 - Weedy patch between Gym & Admin (not part of prior construction agreement?) Ideas/Plans
- Campus Map--info on use
- Map of Forest Preserve
- Kindergarten outdoor learning space
- 4th grade sound impact from playground
- Rain barrels--keep on radar
- Pollinator garden, Oak plantings, oak understory--maintenance plans
- Adoption and communication of Tick Policy
- Silo Art Project

B. Ecosystem Education	Discuss	Team	10 m
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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.

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5. Enviro Club or Hiking Club plans			
6. Casual trail/walking for staff and students			
7. Signage: tree signs, info signs			
8. Land Acknowledgement			
9. "Green Label" School Designation			
C. Sound Wall (Illinois Tollway)	Discuss	Dan Alexander	2 m
Update from D Alexander and next steps.			
D. IDOT - Traffic on I-25	Discuss	Dan Alexander	2 m
Update from D Alexander and next steps (outreach to elected officials).			
E. Ongoing Tree Care & Planned Landscaping		Christopher Flaherty	2 m
VI. Other Business			8:05 AM
A. EMSA Mission-Vision-Goal Setting Enviro Recommendations	Discuss	Sue Bennett	5 m
Next steps			
VII. Closing Items			8:10 AM
A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote		