

APPROVED



Elgin Math & Science Academy

Minutes

Enviro Group Meeting

Date and Time

Friday April 8, 2022 at 9:00 AM

Location

Dining Hall
EMSA Campus
1600 Dundee Ave
Elgin

Committee Members Present

C. Flaherty, D. Alexander, G. Swick, K. Kelly, R. Wilson, S. Bennett, S. Said

Committee Members Absent

None

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

K. Kelly called a meeting of the Environmental Work Group--Subcommittee to Master Plan and Facilities Committee of Elgin Math & Science Academy to order on Friday Apr 8, 2022 at 9:00 AM.

C. Approve February and March Meeting Minutes

G. Swick made a motion to approve the minutes from Enviro Group December Meeting on 02-04-22.

S. Bennett seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Campus Map

A. Proposed Campus Map

The current version of the map is for staff. To create a way to provide orientation it was suggested that we provide some standing times available for up to 60 mins. Respond to emails to set up times. Boys and Girls Club needs guidance, too. Map can go out to staff by Wednesday.

What are the next plans for the map? Long-term? Roll out to family for the new school year orientation.

III. Environmental Work Group--Subcommittee to Master Plan and Facilities

A. EMSA Mission-Vision-Goal Setting Enviro Recommendations

The work group brainstormed goals and action items. K Kelly will type-up and share these with the work group to review at a special Work Group meeting on April 22.

B. Goal setting/vision of work group

C. Ecosystem Education--Quick update or check in at next meeting

The work group discussed outdoor ed for April for K-4 and May for older students to relate best with IAR and other testing.

D. Trails and Walkways

E. Water Runoff--Updates

F. Playgrounds & Natural Play Areas Update

Work Group reviewed proposal to remove large bouncy feature from gym-area playground--best to be conducted over summer break. Discussed using logs and other natural materials for more play areas/features. Will be getting a port-a-potty for the Big Field to make that area more conducive to activities. A proposal to improve swing-area ground was reviewed. Kindergarten outdoor science/study area continues to be considered while pricing is underway.

G. Chimney Swifts and Other Bird Protections Updates

Caps are off and swifts are expected soon (they are in Texas now!). Students want to help prevent bird strikes on campus. R Wilson will help identify windows for them to paint.

H. Ongoing Tree Care & Planned Landscaping

Reviewed current plans for the south side of the Elementary Building and how to engage 2d and 3d graders, as well as providing space for them if desired. Reviewed cost estimates for other facility improvements/repairs, e.g., sound-proof windows for 4th grade, pot hole repair, etc.

IV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
K. Kelly

Documents used during the meeting

- CampusMapV5.pdf
- EMSA campus use guide.pdf