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Elgin Math & Science Academy

Minutes

Environmental Work Group Meeting

Date and Time

Friday March 17, 2023 at 7:00 AM

Location

Neil/Elementary Cafeteria

1600 Dundee Ave; Elgin, IL 60120

Elgin Math and Science Academy is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: EMSA Enviro Work Group

Time: Mar 17, 2023 07:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

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Committee Members Present

D. Alexander, G. Swick, K. Kelly, R. Wilson (remote), S. Bennett

Committee Members Absent

C. Flaherty

Guests Present

Brigid Lucas, Kayode Kareem, Nicole Lapak, Paige Solesky

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 Mar 17, 2023 at 7:00 AM.

C. Approve Minutes

S. Bennett made a motion to approve the minutes from Environmental Work Group Meeting on 02-17-23.

G. Swick seconded the motion.

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

II. Better World Day Project

A. Staff presentation of idea(s)

Nicole Lapak, Brigid Lucas, Paige Solesky were the winners of EMSA's Shark Tank competition for a Better World Day project. They presented their concept to the Work Group. Discussion and idea sharing ensued. The Work Group will help support the concepts: use of paved areas for math/ELA play and creation of a frisbee golf course. The Work Group also discussed with staff the possibility of creating natural play areas

(examples cited were Bison Park in Schaumburg, Nature Play behind Dundee Library).
The Natural Playground concept will remain an item on the agenda.

III. Water Resource Management

A. Administration Building Plans

D Alexander will check in with G Swick and C Flaherty re latest progress.

B. Rainwater Campus-wide

The Work Group discussed the mud issues at the upper playground: under swings and in open play area. D Alexander will discuss possible remedies with Green Gorilla.

IV. EMSA Parking Plan

A. Need for a Parking Plan at EMSA

O Sirridge will be lead parking coordinator. Work Group discussed securing 5-6 attendants for event parking (staff and parents). Baker Hill could serve as a shuttle hub.

B. Next steps

C. Outdoor lighting considerations

The Work Group briefly discussed lighting matters. G Marshall--ask that she oversee shades down in Gym during bird migration.

V. Environmental Work Group Continuing Items

A. Educational Spaces, Playgrounds & Natural Play Areas

B. Ecosystem Education

A work in progress--need to keep increasing staff, families, students, etc awareness and appreciation of EMSA's surrounding ecosystems.

C. Sound Wall (Illinois Tollway)

D. IDOT - Traffic on I-25

E. Ongoing Tree Care & Planned Landscaping

EMSA can use its portable saw horse barriers to mark off No Parking on oak root systems.

VI. 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 8:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
K. Kelly

Documents used during the meeting

- Bird Saver Window Treatments.pdf