



Maryland Outdoor Learning Partnership (OLP) Networks Working Group Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: Friday, March 14, 2025, 11:00-11:30 AM

Attendees: Bart Merrick, Zachary Carey, Stephanie Tuckfield, Jemima Clark, Payton Hesse, Shannon Sprague

Welcome & Meeting Began at 11:04

Member Updates

- MELAN:
 - o Spring MELAN Regional Hubs, 3 scheduled and 1 has occurred. Jemima (melan@maeoe.org) can provide more information for those interested in becoming weavers or supporting the hubs.
 - o [Gen:Thrive Landscape Assessment & Resource Directory](#) sign-up challenge & roll-out: Jemima is serving as Gen:Thrive board member, exploring more functionality, adding additional data in Maryland (rolling); new update to Gen:Thrive will allow live updates of data to the website.
 - o MELAN newsletter is almost ready and website is up at end of next week. (3/21)
- MAEOE:
 - o MAEOE received 125 applications for MD Green Schools and 6 for new green centers and reviews commencing. Currently under application reviews.
 - o MAEOE Conference Statewide Convenings were successful. MAEOE Conference was very successful, received good evaluations, and had about 400 in attendance.



- CBP Management Board Meeting 3/13/25
 - o Some pushback on having two separate environmental literacy outcomes (particularly student MWEE), but no change in prioritization of environmental literacy as a whole.
- MSDE Environmental Literacy Collaborative 3/19/25
 - o Focus on multidisciplinary professional learning for school year 2025-2026 and environmental literacy planning.

Reflections and Actions after the Environmental Literacy Forum

- Opportunities for Next Steps:
 - o Supporting Environmental Literacy Planning- models to share (on BayBackpack)
 - o Professional Learning- E-Lit Standards focused PL.
 - o Recommend leaning on informal partner successful models of MWEE and ELit PL (TOTES, MWEE Practitioners Series, STEM Lab at TSU, SERC, CBF)
 - o OLP Newsletter
- Post-Forum Conversation with NAT:
 - o What we're hearing from hubs: collaboration in grants, focusing on overall priorities (instead of individually programing).
 - o Opportunity for increased communication through MSDE BWET Grant (MELCB) and associated initiatives—Professional Learning, Maryland LEA Environmental Literacy Planning Template, Learning Labs, Workshop in 2026 LEAs with partner orgs.

Environmental Literacy Indicator Tool Data

- [ELIT LEA Summaries and State Reports](#) have been corrected; provide feedback as desired.



Meeting Closed at 11:35