

**Madison School General PTO Meeting  
September 15, 2017**

**1. Call to order**

by Jen Baskel

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of May 2, 2017 general meeting approved

Motion to approve: Laura Tortorello, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Erika Posthuma

**3. Approval of Budget**

Motion to approve: Laura Tortorello, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kim Bird

**4. Fundraising Update**

Attendees were encouraged to participate in the upcoming fundraising event, The Dash & Bash. Teacher parties and raffles are now live on Sign Up Genius.

**5. Official Ribbon Cutting of weCreate Lab**

Principal Kim Rutan, along with Nancy Gadzala, Larysa Domino and Jen Baskel, cut the ribbon to officially celebrate the opening of Madison's new weCreate Lab. Among attendees were Bridget McGuiggan and Superintendent Dr. Don White.

**6. Guest Speakers**

A. Jessica Schultz, a Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) and Technology Integration Specialist, discussed ways to help bridge technology into school programs. Madison currently has shared iPads for grades (K – 2) and 1:1 iPads for grades (3 – 5). Other topics discussed were possible parent education night programs and iPad security concerns for our children.

B. Nancy Gadzala thanked the PTO for supporting/funding the weCreate Lab. She also thanked Mrs. Mardula for her continued support in the MRC. Nancy emphasized how the lab will help develop important life skills such as, communication, creativity, solving problems and learning by mistakes. She went through the history of how the weCreate Lab came to fruition. She also went into detail about the Learning Launches, Documentation and Curriculum Connection.

She is excited that kids can learn more, in great detail, about a passion they have in their life. weCreate Lab stands for (Coding, Robotics, Engineering, Arts, Technology and Exploration).

## **8. New Business**

- A. Save the date: Parent Night Party will be held on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at Gibson's in Oak Brook.
- B. PTO will be selling backpack monkeys to help support the weCreate Lab.
- C. Parents were invited to explore the lab stations in the weCreate Lab.

## **9. Meeting adjourned**

at: 9:32 AM

Attendees:

Jen Baskel	Laura Tortorello
Larysa Domino	Nancy Gadzala
Kim Rutan	Victoria Caswell
Katie Stirlen	Bridget McGuiggan
Kim Bird	Dr. Don White
Pansy Shah	Nitin Batra
Aarathi Singh	Gayatri Batra
Xiaowei Lin	Clemen Meyer
Artemis Anos	Julie Gottfried
Andrea Garcia	Jun Cai
Amrita Davis	Marisa Donovan
Beth Grunow	Michelle Buchanan
Julie Tarasi	Amy Gray
Helen Becka	Sandra Wasson
Sandra Meltzer	Jen Weil