

## **Thompson Middle School**

## **PFA Meeting**

**September 12, 2016**

**Call to order:** 9:15 am

**Welcome**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

### **President's report**

Introductions of Executive Board

President	Dana Belle
Vice President	Lynda Rohrmann
Treasurer	Melissa Orlando
Recording Secretary	Deb Montalbano
Corresponding Secretaries	Casey & Brian Kenney

**Last year's events** were successful. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders enjoyed their breakfast, school dance and swim party at Middletown Pool Club. They also enjoyed a non- PFA sponsored party at Eagle Oaks Country Club.

### **September happenings**

The basketball backboards have been installed (4 new ones!)  
We are in the process of ordering new benches for the front of the school  
The PFA held a back to school breakfast for the staff  
Welcome packets will be sent home this week

We are always looking for new ideas and suggestions. Please feel free to send an email, call or text your idea.

### **Granny's Attic**

A wonderful tradition at Thompson Middle School  
Libby Polyvious and Trish Welch will be co-chairing this event.  
210 vendors, inside is sold out, accepting outside vendors.  
Setup is Friday, November 18, 2016 and event is Saturday, November 19, 2016  
Young volunteers welcome!

We need a security person day of the event from 6:30 – 9:00 am. Please let Libby or Trish know if you or someone you know can fill this role.

Will be using "Sign Up Genius" for all volunteering positions.

Any questions, please feel free to contact either one of us.

### **Principal's report**

Mr. Kirkpatrick welcomed all parents to the first PFA meeting of the year. He introduced Dr. Trudell, Vice Principal, the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade guidance counsellors, Mrs. Roberts, Mr. Anderson and Mrs. Nagy respectively. He introduced Mrs. Felder our student assistance coordinator. He encouraged parents and students to get involved in our school. 99% of our fundraising comes from Granny's Attic. He encouraged parents to make homework a priority and encouraged parents to help keep kids organized, keep to a routine and have their child join a club and/or sport. PARCC scores should be out this Friday, September 16, 2016.

### **New staff are as follows:**

Wendy Dunleavy - secretary

Shaun Blessing - science

Brittany Bakeman - special education

Daniel Friedman - science/social studies

Michael Dooley - math

Kim Kernan - special education

Mr. Kirkpatrick has an open door policy, if you have an issue he will gladly speak with you. School looks amazing, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor painted over the summer (1<sup>st</sup> floor done last year)

Landscaping cleaned up and mulched

Working on air conditioning issues, building is a bit warm

Lunch- a few glitches but now running smoothly

Bus- issues and lateness are being worked out and addressed with Barbara Vining. Routes are being altered to ensure safe and timely arrival for all students.

Mr. Kirkpatrick and teachers use remind to send out messages, some teachers use twitter to highlight projects or special things going on in their classrooms.

Google classroom will have assignments, project information and messages from the teacher.

Dr. Trudell needs one parent to volunteer for the school safety committee. There will be 4 meetings throughout the school year. 2 at Thompson and 2 at Central Office. Please let him know if you or someone you know is interested in this position.

**Security** –additional cameras have been installed throughout the school.

We have 2 security officers whose schedules overlap so we always have a security guard at our school.

They are Mr. Leonard and Mr. Armenti.

### **Redistricting**

Demographic studies have been done but there are no definitive changes or plans to redistrict anytime soon.

Forback to school night, your children will bring home their schedule for you to follow. This will be done during homeroom this week. Please meet at your child's first scheduled class.

**Treasurer's report**

Please contact Melissa Orlando @ [mesoto1237@aol.com](mailto:mesoto1237@aol.com) if you have any questions concerning the treasurer's report.

**Corresponding Secretary**

No report

**Meeting Adjourned** 9:55 am

**Dates to remember:**

Back to School night Thursday - September 15, 2016 - 6:30pm

6thGrade Social – Friday-September 16, 2016

½Day for students – Wednesday – September 28

No School – Monday October 3, 2016

PFA meeting – Monday October 10, 2016 – 7:00 pm