

**Thompson Middle School**  
**PTA Meeting**  
**September 21, 2015**

**Call to order:** 9:20 am

**Welcome**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Principal's report**

-Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that the students are off to a good start. He introduced Mr. Anderson and Mrs. Roberts, the guidance counsellors for 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade respectively. He also introduced the school's new vice principal, Dr. Steven Trudell.

-Mr. Kirkpatrick set high expectations for all of the students. Parents and students should be checking parent portal to make sure homework and projects are completed.

He stated that it is important for all of the students to get involved outside of the classroom. The more involved the students are in middle school the more involved they will be in high school.

- The chrome book 1-1 initiative is a success. Any questions about the chrome books should go to guidance counsellor or Mr. Kirkpatrick.

- The lunchroom wall has been taken down permanently. The light and dark side are no more! Lunchroom "B" (old staff lounge) is a success. Based on science class, each 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grader will have lunch in lunchroom "B" once a week. Each session has a security guard and 2 staff members present.

- PARCC and NJ ask science scores will be discussed at October meeting.

- The geothermal team will be present at our school through October. The cooling tower needs to be installed on the roof.

- Mr. Kirkpatrick encouraged parents to get involved at the school through the PFA. Check "remind" and twitter. Announcements are on the schools website daily.

- The school will now have a crossing guard to help make the left onto Middletown Lincroft road. He will be at his post from 7:40-8:00am and 2:30 to 2:45 approximately. Possibility of widening the exit to have two lanes leading out to Middletown Lincroft Road.

- Middletown H.S. South open house is October 22, 2015 6pm-8pm

- New Teachers-Mrs. Nicole Gordan - Language Arts

- Ms. Kathy Young - Spanish

- Mrs. Zimmer – Special Education

- Mrs. Martin temporary replacement for Mr. Gentry – Language Arts

- Number of students for 2015-2016 is 1,034; classroom cap is 27. Some classes may have up to 29 due to scheduling.

- Back to school night is September 30, 2015 @ 6:30 pm.

### **Michele Glynn – Ganny’s Attic**

- looking for a shadow for this year and this person to run Granny’s attic next year.
- 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- only fundraiser that Thompson has; generates approximately \$40,000.
- other subcommittee positions that need chair people, contact Michele Glynn
- please sell the raffle ticket book that will be sent home with PFA packet

### **The Great Race** - Joan Minnuies spoke at meeting.

- 10/24 @ Middletown HS South
- 10/18 shirts delivered to chairperson
- 5k @ 10 am, anyone can run but need to be at least 14 to get trophy
- Of the \$15 registration fee \$11.50 goes back to school. The money that is kept is used to buy t-shirts for the following year. 100% goes back to schools.
- Applications are on google doc.
- 2 children that raise the most money for Thompson will receive a \$25 gift certificate
- each grade homeroom that raises the most money, will receive breakfast compliments of the PFA

### **Treasurer’s report**

- E-mail Melissa Orlando or Claudia Healey if you have any questions about the financial reports.

### **Corresponding Secretary**

- existing 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents should have received an e-mail invitation and link to join the PFA
- New 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents can join via the school website. Payments can be made via check, credit card or paypal

### **President/Vice President reports-**

- We are in need of a the following chair people
  - Dance Chaperone
  - Great Race
  - Staff Luncheon (2 people)
  - Bottlecappers
- As well as various Ganny’s Attic volunteers
- If interested, please see Rosanne Nagler or Dana Belle
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**School security** – drills will now be posted on the schools website after they have occurred.

### **Meeting Adjourned**