

**Thompson Middle School**  
**PTA Meeting**  
**May 11, 2015**

**Call to order:** 9:25 am

**Welcome**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Student recognition** - Mr. Kirkpatrick introduced all of the students of the month and awarded each student with a plaque. The following students were awarded student of the month based on their effort, attitude, academics and extra-curricular activities.

May 6<sup>th</sup> grade - Katie Garwood  
7<sup>th</sup> grade - Matt Cardano  
8<sup>th</sup> grade – Vincent Bianchi

June 6<sup>th</sup> grade – Libby Rosen  
7<sup>th</sup> grade - Jacqueline Hennessy  
8<sup>th</sup> grade - Grace McDonnell

**The Teacher of the year** award was presented to Mrs. Castle by Principal Kirkpatrick. Mrs. Castle was nominated by numerous students and parents. Her work ethic is admirable; she gives 100 % every day and is an asset to our school.

**Michele Glynn gave a lovely speech honoring Mr. Melando**, our vice principal. Mr. Melando has accepted the principal position at Fairview elementary school. He was wished much success in his new position but will be sorely missed by everyone at Thompson Middle School. We celebrated his success with a beautiful cake.

**Principal's report**

-Mr. Kirkpatrick and Mr. Melando have worked together for 15 years. A new vice principal will be announced by July 1, 2015.

-Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents were invited to this PTA meeting. Mr. Kirkpatrick introduced the guidance counsellors to them.

-Students will be able to tour the school the end of August. Each elementary school will have its own day/time to tour.

- Lockers will be assigned the first day of school

- Expectations for all students are set high.

- All students are encouraged to get involved. Though class time ends at 2:37, there are numerous activities and sports that meet after school.

- Number one priority for all students is safety and is addressed at every meeting in some capacity.
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade class size for 2015-2016 school year is 380 students for a total of 1,020 students.
- Working on the issue of lunch for all of the students. The school is working on a satellite lunchroom, possibly in the media center.
- Thompson Middle School is scheduled to add 10 new teachers over the next 2 years to keep our class size capped at 27 students.
- Each student will receive a chrome book.
- Mr. Gentry is taking a one year leave of absence to pursue a music career.
- Last day of school is June 22, 2015
- Promotion ceremony is June 23, 2015
- May 18, 2015 is our Tech Challenge.

**Treasurer's report**

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

Thank you to Mrs. Felder for organizing all of the wonderful speakers for our PFA meetings.

Meeting Adjourned