

Johnstown

Parent Teacher Organization Inc.

Johnstown Monroe School District (JMSD)



JMSD PTO Meeting
November 4, 2024 at 6:00 PM
JMS Media Center

Members:

Ashlea Wentzel, President
Stephanie Giannini, Vice President
Sarah Penrod, Treasurer
Alisha Wheeler, Secretary

Staff:

Roben Wagoner, JES Principal
Amanda Douglass, Dean of Students JES
Brad Wehrman, JIS Principal
Michael Shipton, JHS Principal

Guests:

Heather Green	Amanda Postle	Asheena Kuhn	Lyndsi Lee
Amanda Chapman	Megan Reames	Diana Camden	
Jessi Thomas	Taryn Stover	Corey Ehinger	

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Ashlea Wentzel.

President's Report: Ashlea Wentzel

- The Teacher Shop ordering has commenced with wrapping night being determined. The plan is to deliver to each of the schools before Thanksgiving. The PTO has attempted to target the ordering to the teacher requests.
 - Stephanie Giannini asked about a request for small denomination gift cards from a teacher to hand out however the principal of the school will talk with the teacher to find out more and coordinate how to proceed.
- There were several requests from the gym teachers however since these were larger requests, they will be processed as a normal teacher request and not part of the Teacher Shop.
 - JIS requested 6 soccer balls, 12 clipboards, 6 basketballs, and 6 resistant bands which totaled \$154.92. Ashlea Wentzel made a motion to approve up to \$160 for gym equipment for JIS. Stephanie Giannini seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
 - JMS requested assorted balls (dodgeballs and footballs) for a total of \$241.97. Ashlea Wentzel made a motion to approve up to \$250 for gym equipment for JMS which was seconded by Stephanie Giannini and unanimously approved.
- Mrs. Ortman requested supplies for a class project (paper, posterboard, PCV coversheets, spiral coils, and a binding machine. Ashlea Wentzel made a motion to approve \$285 for Mrs. Ortman's class project supplies. Stephanie Giannini seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- The request for an ice machine for the Chemistry/Biology Lab is on hold for additional discussion and research.
- Ashlea Wentzel also presented a request by the 5th grade for supplies surrounding a White Elephant Opinion Essay. Ashlea made a motion to approve \$200 for supplies for the 5th grade White Elephant Opinion Essay which was seconded by Stephanie Giannini and approved unanimously.
- Asheena Kuhn gave an update on the Mr. Bergstrom's class project to create ornaments to sell. The designs for all but one class have been shared. Once all designs are received, 2-3 designs will be selected for selling with the fundraiser being offered through a Google order form.
- Asheena also gave an update on the Fall Festival even which will span 2-3 days with a potential for a movie night, pep rally & games, and high school visit with the younger students. The event being coordinated by the PTO is expected to be centered around homecoming and tentatively be the Wednesday before Homecoming weekend. There are additional meetings being scheduled and if you are interested in helping, let Asheena know.

Vice President's Update – Stephanie Giannini

- The DIY Holiday Ornament Fundraiser from CreateJoy is scheduled for 11/20 from 5-8 at the JES Commons.

Treasurer Report: Sarah Penrod

- Sarah Penrod provided an update on the financials which are overall at \$18,057.43 (\$2,921.76 for General Fund and \$15,135.67 in the School Fund). This includes the purchases to date for the Teacher Shop and the down payment for the Harlem Wizards event.
- The Harlem Wizards event has been scheduled for 2/13. The PTO requests for principals to request for high school gym for this date. An intro call is scheduled for Thursday (11/7) at 6. The principals will discuss more however the JIS and JMS are attempting to coordinate to have the pep rally during the day on 2/13 with the Wizards at the high school. There is a need for basketball players (serious and not so serious); request out to everyone to think of some potential participants to ask.
- Mr. Wehrman is working on some potential space at JIS but some additional work is needed to see if they can make it happen.
- The taxes have been filed for the 2023 year.
- The PayPal charity account is set up to take transactions.

Communications Lead Update – Ashlea Wentzel (Jasmine Gentry unable to attend)

- The first Skate & Swim fundraiser event is scheduled for 11/7 with flyers being sent out from JES and JIS.

Secretary Update – Alisha Wheeler

- Meeting minutes from the October 7th meeting were reviewed. Ashlea Wentzel made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Stephanie Giannini seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.
- The PTO will be moving forward with offering a spirit store with apparel to start through the company 643 in Gahanna. This company was able to offer not just apparel but also non-apparel items in bulk for the PTO to sell. Alisha Wheeler and Stephanie Giannini are working to get the online store offering open to be completed around Thanksgiving time. The hope is to, in the future, offer a brick and mortar in the high school potentially run by students and also offerings during sporting events.

JES Update – Roben Wagoner & Amanda Douglass

- The skate party is this week.
- 11/11 is the Veteran's Day event with over 50 veterans planning to attend!
- 11/12 is Curriculum Night for K-5 to present on the new math, reading, science, and wit & wisdom approach. The event is adults only in the JES Commons.
- PBIS glow party is scheduled for 11/15 based on Dojo points earned by kids.
- The 2nd trimester PBIS event is planned to be a popcorn party and the 3rd trimester may be a teacher vs student event.
- Math Nigh in February is going to be moved to accommodate the Wizards game (thank you JES!).
- JES is attempting to pull together a Family Dance night at JES in January. There may be a request coming for some funds to help support the effort.

JIS Update – Brad Wehrman

- 11/11 is the Veteran's Day event for JIS as well and alternates with the JES timing.
- 11/26 & 11/27 is planned to have a 5th grade Sky Night to look at constellations for Mrs. Shaffer's class and she has requested funds to buy some treats and supplies for the events. Ashlea Wentzel motions to approve \$300 to support supplies for Mrs. Shaffer's 5th grade Sky Night. Stephanie Giannini seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- JIS is also planning to take students to The Works through a donation from Intel on 11/26 (4th grade) and 11/27 (5th grade). The Lego crane is on display at The Works for the students to see.
- Dinner for teacher conferences provided by the PTO will take place on 11/14 with dropoff of food and supplies around 3.

JMS Update – Ashlea Wentzel

- Nick Hancock had a prior commitment but let the PTO know the kids loved the candy from the Halloween event and teachers appreciated not having to buy it themselves.

JHS Update – Michael Shipton

- The PBIS Student of the Month even is 11/8 for 8 students to have pizza with the principal.
- The Veterans Day event with JHS and JMS coordinated will be 11/11 with keychains to be handed out with the branch of the Armed Forces for each veteran planning to attend.
- There were 271 students with academic honors in the 1st trimester which is over half of JHS!
- The Varsity Show for the Big Red Band starts with 1 show on 11/15 and 2 on 11/16.
- Sports are wrapping up for football, cross-country, and soccer.

Open Forum

- JES is looking to purchase more accessible equipment for their playground and is researching some fun new options.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 3, 2024 (due to the Thanksgiving holiday break) in the JMS media center at 6PM.

Ashlea Wentzel made a motion to adjourn and Stephanie Giannini seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alisha Wheeler, Secretary