

Johnstown

Parent Teacher Organization Inc.

Johnstown Monroe School District (JMSD)



JMSD PTO Meeting
April 7, 2025 at 6:00 PM
JMS Media Center

Board:

Ashlea Wentzel, President
Stephanie Giannini, Vice President
Sarah Penrod, Treasurer
Jasmine Gentry, Communications Lead
Alisha Wheeler, Secretary

Administration:

Roben Wagoner, JES Principal
Amanda Douglass, JES Dean of Students
Brad Wehrman, JIS Principal
Nick Hancock, JMS Principal
Christian Grove, JHS Dean of Students
Dr. Wagner, JMSD Superintendent

Attendees:

Diana Camden	Heather Green	Meredith Moore	Hailey Pounds	Taryn Stover
Amanda Chapman	Nicole Lightle	Marci Parpart	Halie Sciury	

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Ashlea Wentzel.

President's Report: Ashlea Wentzel

- The Spring Carnival is scheduled for 4/12 at JES.
 - The team is still looking for volunteers for the two shifts; would need about 15 more folks. Dr Wagner and Mr Grove will ask the football team.
 - Cakes are going well and concession volunteers are full.
- There are multiple field trip requests for the end of the year; the funds below were requested for up-front costs however some funds may be reimbursed later.
 - Kindergarten is planning on visiting Picture Perfect Ranch which will align with the curriculum that is being finished about farms and animals. The teachers created a pamphlet which was presented by Ms. Pounds and Ms. Sciury with the details of the curriculum and how it related to the trip. The ask would be for \$9 per student with up to 120 students attending.
 - Ashlea Wentzel made a motion to approve a budget of up to \$2160 for the Kindergarten classes to travel to Picture Perfect Ranch. Stephanie Giannini seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
 - The first grade classes just finished a unit on creature features and is planning a trip to the Columbus Zoo & Aquarium for 115 students at \$8 each.
 - Ashlea Wentzel made a motion to approve a budget of up to \$920 for the first grade trip to the Columbus Zoo & Aquarium. Stephanie Giannini seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
- There is a request for extra clothes for the Johnstown Middle and High Schools which are within dress code.
 - Normally there are some available shirts which are within dress code for kids to change into if they are unable to meet dress code because they do not have any available options to have compliant clothes delivered.
 - Mrs. Cox has an area with clothes available however they are running low; there is a need for 20-30 shirts at JHS.
 - JMS is requesting ¼ zip or warmer tops available to students.
 - Ashlea Wentzel made a motion to approve a budget of up to \$500 for shirts for the high school since the need is more immediate. Stephanie Giannini seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
 - There is a potential to have an option for an end of year clothes drive for new or gently used clothes.

- Initial discussions for next years Walkathon with a event date of 9/18 as there does not appear to be any events that day.
 - There is a potential for a change such as a color run option especially for the older kids with the hopes of being more engaging and leading to higher fundraising efforts.
- The team was able to verify the potential Wizards date for next year will be requested for 1/15/2026.

Vice President's Update – Stephanie Giannini

- Teacher Appreciation event efforts are underway with a full week of activities planned from 5/5 – 5/9.
 - Monday – Friday will have hydration stations and vending treats. The team hopes to restock on Tuesday and Thursday.
 - Wednesday will be gift handouts.
 - Friday will be breakfast.

Treasurer Report: Sarah Penrod

- Sarah Penrod had a realtime update of \$15,954.92 total in funds.
- JIS and JMS will be coordinating field day which saved on expenses for inflatables.
- JES coordinated and adjusted schedules to the inflatable pickup could be Monday which saved on additional fees.

Secretary Update – Alisha Wheeler

- Meeting minutes from the March 3rd, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Ashlea Wentzel made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Stephanie Giannini seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

JES Update – Roben Wagoner

- The second grade is planning a visit to Darby Creek Metro Park which aligns with recent lessons. The trip had no costs associated at this time.
- Third grade is taking a tour of Johnstown and a visit to the Intermediate School which also does not have any costs associated at this time.
- STEAM night is upcoming and will have The Works come in the day before for 2 assemblies (K-1 and 2-3).
 - Ashlea Wentzel made a motion to approve a budget of up to \$750 for the two The Works assemblies for JES. Stephanie Giannini seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
- Kindergarten signing night on 5/7 from 5:30-7 will have a main signing table and additional stations for incoming students to explore and learn more about school. The plan will be for the PTO to have a table with books to hand out with about 70 incoming students expected.
 - Ashlea Wentzel made a motion to approve a budget of up to \$550 for books. Stephanie Giannini seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

JIS Update – Brad Wehrman

- State testing begins in mid-April.
- The 4th grade will be visiting the statehouse.
- Fifth grade has camp which has plans underway. They will also participate in Biztown in Newark but that is still in the planning stages.
- The PBIS end of year event is coming in May. While the team is unsure about the exact plans, the decision was made to preapprove funds to be utilized.
 - Ashlea Wentzel made a motion to approve a budget of up to \$1200 for the JIS end of year PBIS event. Diana Camden seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

JMS Update – Nick Hancock

- Thanks for the skating party for PBIS.
- Student Council is hosting a school dance with casual music, lights, and activities. There is a request for help with a DJ and photo booth.
 - Ashlea Wentzel made a motion to approve a budget of up to \$950 for a DJ and photo booth at the JMS school dance. Diana Camden seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

JHS Update – Christian Grove

- Thank you for all the activities this year.
- Testing will be done by the end of April.
- The school is hosting a blood drive from 730-130 on 4/8.
- 4/17 is wear red for those deployed overseas and their families.

The schools reviewed the plans for the week of 4/14 to recognize military members and their families.

4/14 – red, white, and blue or stars and stripes

4/15 – wear purple

4/16 – wear your favorite military branch

4/17 – wear red

District Updates – Dr. Wagner

- The construction is underway for the addition on the high school and remains on track for opening in August.
- Enrollment is down however the same is being seen in other school districts as well.
- AEDs availability is being increased around the school grounds.
- Internal investigations for looking at athletics and coaching are being completed to enhance and integrate more.
- Continued thanks to the PTO for all the support and collaboration this year with the expansion to all schools. The PTO board responded with thanks for the key fob which is amazing for easy deliveries and access.

Open Focus – there were no additional topics discussed.

The next meeting will be on Monday, May 5, 2025, in the JMS media center at 6PM.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alisha Wheeler, Secretary