

# Johnstown

## *Parent Teacher Organization Inc.*

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*Johnstown Monroe School District (JMSD)*



JMSD PTO Meeting  
March 3, 2025 at 6:00 PM  
JMS Cafeteria

### **Members:**

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

### **Staff:**

Roben Wagoner, JES Principal  
Brad Wehrman, JIS Principal  
Abby Fitz, JMS Principal  
Michael Shipton, JHS Principal  
Dr. Wagner, JMSD Superintendent

### **Guests:**

Nicole Lightle	Diana Camden	Amanda Postle	Amanda Chapman
Asheena Kuhn	Emily Dague	Shawna Hendren	

### **Call to Order**

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

### **President's Report: Ashlea Wentzel**

- The Spring Carnival is scheduled for 4/12 and is moved to JES.
  - The theme will be Spring Fling and run from 10-2 with volunteer requests from 930-230.
  - Rhonda Ballard has stated her class can help again with cakes so the PTO will purchase supplies for them.
  - Setup will be Friday night (4/11) starting at 4PM.
  - Ashlea Wentzel made a motion to approve a budget of up to \$6000 for supplies for the carnival. Stephanie Giannini seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
- There were discussions about end-of-year events such as field days.
  - Ashlea Wentzel made a motion to approve a budget of up to \$5000 for end of year events at the 4 schools. Stephanie Giannini seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

### **Vice President's Update – Stephanie Giannini**

- The school administrators have been busy and gathered almost all the shirt sizes for teachers. Ashlea is reaching out to some of the remaining administration to help close the gap on missing information.
- Shawna Hendren is working on the gifts.
- Ashlea Wentzel made a motion to approve a budget of up to \$9000 for teacher appreciation events and gifts. Stephanie Giannini seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

### **Treasurer Report: Sarah Penrod**

- Sarah Penrod provided an update on the financials which are overall at \$24,869.38 (\$4,236.28 for General Fund and \$20,633.10 in the School Fund).
- The Wizards game was a success with very positive feedback. The PTO made a profit of \$11,669.18.
- The group discussed thoughts for next years event including:
  - More courtside chairs.
  - Ensure wheelchair seating is marked and obvious so other attendees are not in the space or blocking the view.
  - It was nice to have a long weekend after the event.
  - Attempt to create more marketing next year with pictures from this years event and some videos similar to what the school put out.

- Put out a sign-up for a clean-up crew.
- Gather pictures for player announcements.
- Check with maintenance and ensure we do a walkthrough the day or night before to ensure everything is working properly and set-up looks right (one of the side hoops was down and it was difficult to see for attendees seated behind the hoop).
- Get more information about the WizFit challenge.
- Look into sponsors for the event to help.
- The Fall Festival is set for next year however the group made the decision to vote on approvals of any expenses for the event as needed. The inflatables will be around \$3,600.
  - Sarah Penrod made a motion to approve \$3,000 at this time for deposits and Stephanie Giannini seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

#### **Communications Lead Update – provided by Ashlea Wentzel**

- Skate night had 179 skaters. The preorders seemed to help. We have about a \$500 profit coming. For future nights, we will need to make sure it remains a cost per skater, not all attendees. The principals believed it would most likely be best to take the event down to once a year.

#### **Secretary Update – Alisha Wheeler**

- Meeting minutes from the February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 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 2<sup>nd</sup> semester PBIS event was completed with 458 kids participating. The 3<sup>rd</sup> PBIS event will be kids vs teachers with details to come; the event will be held in May.
- Field trips are coming up however there are no specific \$ requests yet.
- Mini-panoramic pictures are coming up.
- Kindergarten signing night will be May 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Conference meals will be needed on 3/11 for 45 teachers. The food will come from Troyers with soup and salads.
- Math and Reading Night is 3/6 with a March Madness theme.

#### **JIS Update – Brad Wehrman**

- Conference meals are requested for 35 teachers on 3/4, also from Troyers.
- The PBIS for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester was a movie and popcorn event
- The 5<sup>th</sup> grade is going to Biztown in Newark.
- The book fair is this week and will be open the evening of conferences on 3/4.
- Also during conferences they will have a “hidden in plain sight” which is a bedroom setup with hidden vaping materials and how to discuss with students at home.

#### **JMS Update – Abby Fitz**

- The dinners for conference night were delicious!
- There are chocolate sales for the DC trip.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter PBIS will be March 14 with skating, movies, or dodgeball.

#### **JHS Update – Michael Shipton**

- Mr. Grove sent a modified schedule for the next week on Thursday and Friday.
- Friday, 3/14, the Freshman class is going to COSI – sponsored by Intel.
- The grading period ends on 3/14.

#### **District Updates**

- Intel fabrication building have moved to 2030 unless there is a customer with a large request. The money influx doesn't occur until the employees are working, not during the building process.
- The school is keeping an eye on funding at the state level because of the proposal to cut over the next few years.
- The deal with the chambers city property has been closed. It will be occupied initially at 35% with school board meetings moving to that location. It will also house facilities for cheerleading, wrestling, and batting cages.
- School safety is a high priority for the district. IDs are checked at the front office if someone is unknown. There are multiple layers to help 1<sup>st</sup> responders as needed know the location of students, water, etc.
- The Athletic Boosters will be reaching out for help and support from the PTO.
- Staffing for 2025-2026 is being prepared however there are no significant changes expected.
  - The CTEC programs are going well and the team is working on adding the health and science pathways previously discussed. The administration are hoping to retrofit new classrooms to have two sides, one for academics and one for labs.

- The school is being informed about a potential new development for 161 and Mink which is in an area where multiple school districts merge (Northridge, Licking Heights, and Johnstown).
- Dr. Wagner is hoping to have meetings before spring break if possible and involve Board members.

**Open Focus** – there were no additional topics discussed.

The next meeting will be on Monday, April 7, 2025, in the JMS media center at 6PM.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alisha Wheeler, Secretary