

Johnstown

Parent Teacher Organization Inc.

Johnstown Monroe School District (JMSD)



JMSD PTO Meeting
August 5, 2024 at 6:00 PM
JMS Media Center

Members:

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

Staff:

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

Guests:

Diana Camden	Heather Green	Derek Yoder
Emily Dague	Asheena Kuhn	
Amanda Chapman	Marci Parpart	

Call to Order

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

Introduction of New Administrators for JHS, JMS, and JIS

President's Report: Ashlea Wentzel

- Walkathon Planning
 - 5 inflatables have been ordered from Main Events (2 obstacle courses and 3 slides including one for younger kids). The inflatables will be dropped off the evening before at JMS/JIS in the open area between the buildings and football field. The estimated cost is \$3,630 which is less expensive than the prior vendor.
 - 3 foam run stations have been ordered which will have 120 people in each station. The estimated cost is \$3,825.
 - Kona Ice has been ordered. The staff cups are free and the students are \$2.25 each for about 1,700. They will only charge for what is purchased on the day of the Walkathon. There was a request to ask if there could be smaller sizes for the Kindergarteners and 1st graders.
 - To help with timing, the administrators will work on a schedule with a potential to have rotations between the rewards and the track.
 - There is a request to ensure we have a first aid kit and AED.
 - Because the event may be opened up to parents, we will need a way to identify volunteers like name tags.
 - Stephanie Giannini will check with the Church of Ascension to see if they are willing to open up their parking lot for parents who decide to attend the event.
 - The goal for each student is to raise \$50.
 - Envelopes will be sent home to collect cash and checks with the Walkathon flyers attached. Each of the school reps will deliver the envelopes to each of the homeroom teachers' mailboxes. If the number of students per class hasn't been provided, then these need sent by the administrators to the school reps.
- Open House Updates
 - The request is to have a table ordered for each school so the school reps can setup at each building. The main table items will be flyers promoting the PTO and a signup sheet.
 - The JES and JIS open houses are for all students while the JMS and JHS will be targeted to 6th graders and freshmen respectively.

Spirit Store: Derek Yoder

- Derek Yoder provided an informative presentation on options for the potential PTO Spirit Store utilizing school approved branding.
 - The options included uniform appropriate offerings as well as t-shirt options and future product offerings
 - The suggestion was to go with embroidered logos on the uniform options which would normally be a “pay-per-stitch” cost
 - Derek does have some known vendors he has worked with previously if the preferred vendor, BSN, decides not to take on our proposal.
- There was a brief discussion on the sponsor shirts for students which has been a work in process with a suggestion the team could think about two grades with the same colors but different schools (i.e. 6th grade (JMS) and 2nd grade (JES) so as not to cause confusion with similar colored shirts. The options for this are still being discussed.

Treasurer Report: Sarah Penrod

- Sarah Penrod discussed the audit performed and the feedback received. There will be a meeting scheduled to discuss the details.
- Sarah Penrod provided an update on the financials:
Financial Report:

JES/JIS:	\$5,438.41 (renamed to School fund)
General:	\$4,062.10
OVERALL:	\$9,500.51
- There was discussion on transferring funds from the General fund to the School fund since the General fund is utilized for expenses which do not benefit students (printing paper, Costco membership fees, etc.). Ashlea Wentzel made a motion to move \$3,500 from the general fund to the School fund. Diana Camden seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- There was a request from Megan York for funds to purchase 25 shoe-tying practice toys for students which cost \$4.99 each from Amazon. Ashlea Wentzel made the motion to approve \$130 for shoe-tying practice materials for JES. Sarah Penrod seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Secretary Update – Alisha Wheeler

- Meeting minutes from the June 24th meeting were reviewed. Ashlea Wentzel made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Diana Camden seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.
- Ashlea Wentzel explained there is a call scheduled with the Harlem Wizards for a winter event. The Harlem Wizards believe they will be able to be available in early December for an event.

JES Update – Roben Wagoner, Amanda Douglass

- Roben Wagoner provided an update the JES team was diligently working and had already reviewed 300+ forms and sent emails for each student with the class assignments.
- The new teachers at JES include Kindergarten, 1st grade, Intervention, and Special Education. There is an open Student Attendant position.

JIS Update – Brad Wehrman

- Brad Wehrman noted letters to parents will be emailed in the next few days.
- He is having a meeting with staff to pull together and plan for the school year.
- Mr. Wehrman has some experience with the Harlem Wizards as that planning gets further along.
- There is a Student Attendant position open at JIS as well.

JMS Update – Nick Hancock

- Nick Hancock noted letters would be sent to parents in the next few days with information.
- The new Dean of Students for JMS is Abby Fitz.

JHS Update – Michael Shipton

- Welcome back letters were sent the Thursday before with dress code, parking passes, and schedule information.
- There are two new teachers for Spanish and Geometry. The school has an open Student Attendant position.

Superintendent Update – Dr. Philip Wagner

- The school is excited to announce in collaboration with C-TEC the 11 rising juniors have been accepted to the program which will be held at Johnstown and is opened to other schools as well. The Electrical trades will be in some of the rooms available at the school and a full program will be offered this fall.
- Career exploration will be offered in the Middle School as well.
- Multi-skilled technicians (electrical, construction, plumbing, mechanical) will be the first of its kind program in Licking County built for High School students.

- The school will be stretching the math program to expand into AP program offerings as well.
- The school board did approve waiving most school fees and buying supplies for students for the 2024-2025 school year.

The next meeting will be September 3, 2024 in the JMS media center at 6PM.

Ashlea Wentzel made a motion to adjourn and Sarah Penrod seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alisha Wheeler, Secretary