

# Johnstown

## *Parent Teacher Organization Inc.*

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*Johnstown Monroe School District (JMSD)*



JMSD PTO Meeting  
May 5, 2025 at 6:00 PM  
JMS Media Center

### **Board:**

Ashlea Wentzel, 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	Shannon Cox	Shawna Hendren	Taryn Stover
Amanda Chapman	Emily Dague	Nicole Lightle	

### **Call to Order**

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

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

- The Works STEAM night budget was approved to be increased from \$750 up to \$1,700.
- Mrs. Jungers requested a budget to buy items for gargoyles related to the art show which was approved for \$105.83.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> grade visit to Cornell School invoice was received.
  - Ashlea Wentzel made a motion to approve a budget of up to \$260 for the 1<sup>st</sup> grade field trips to the Cornell School. Jasmine Gentry seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
- The Walkathon is planned for September and the group discussed a potential color run with ponchos for kindergarten students to remove the necessity of changing clothes afterwards.
- The Fall Festival is on track and will be over homecoming week; the team will be meeting prior to the normal June PTO meeting to discuss additional tasks and status.
  - The main event will be 10/1. It will be kicked off with a parade of students into the football stadium followed by a pep rally and then the opening of the festival with activities in the field behind the stadium. Sports including JYAA have already been blocked to prevent scheduling conflicts. All booster organizations are planning to participate. An initial request is being made to each of the schools' music teachers to aid with helping the kids learn the alma mater to sing at the parade of students.

### **Vice President's Update – Ashlea Wentzel**

- Teacher Appreciation Week has begun with hydration stations at each school along with sweet and salty treats; the PTO Board and School Representatives will refill as needed throughout the week. Wednesday morning there will be breakfast available at each school. Friday we will have gifts for the teachers and staff; thank you to Shawn Hendren for creating the amazing gifts for the PTO to deliver.

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

- The total funds were \$12,398.48 with a few new expenses to calculate.
- The Spring Carnival resulted in \$1,958.16 revenue and the cotton candy was a hit! This will probably be the last year at this time as the group would like to find more holistic events for students in all schools to enjoy.
- 43 polo shirts were ordered for JHS to supply the closet for students.
- A school thrift night possibility was discussed. The idea was to schedule a summer evening and encourage those with dress code approved, gently used clothing to bring for donations. The discussion led to the decision to pause this type of event as there may not be as much participation as hoped.

- To help with supply for the JMS and JHS clothes closets next school year, the team requested each of the schools to estimate the maximum inventory to keep and a trigger level at which refills could be requested from the PTO. The specific types of clothes requested were polos and, for cold weather, quarter-zip or crewneck sweatshirts.
- Sarah is also working on a potential fundraiser during the Firemans Festival to have a trolley come to drive around downtown. This would be Wednesday through Friday from 6-11 with the potential for a small treat provided with the cost of the ticket. Sarah is still working through logistics and pricing. The group also discussed a booth at the festival; Lindsay Shaw would be the likely contact to discuss booth space availability.
- The Wizards asked about scheduling closer to the timeframe from this year; there was a potential alternate date at the end of February however Sarah is going to continue discussions.

#### **Communications Lead Update – Jasmine Gentry**

- Jasmine is working on Fall Festival promotional materials and has requested a Chambers Stadium art/picture to use.

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

- Meeting minutes from the April 7, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Ashlea Wentzel made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Diana Camden seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.
- A listing of all fundraising events and supported activities has been compiled to use on Kindergarten Signing Night and open houses to communicate more clearly the work and support provided by the PTO each year.
- The PTO will have a table on Kindergarten Signing Night with balloons (not latex), books to giveaway to new students, and a handout explaining the PTO, how to join/follow, and 2025-2026 meeting schedule.

#### **JES Update – Roben Wagoner**

- Kindergarten Signing Night stations have all been confirmed except for transportation (i.e. busing). There will be a handout with a QR code for kindergarten readiness week from 7/28-8/1 with 2 sessions to request, either morning or afternoon.
- Teacher Appreciation has been a hit and much appreciated.
- The Cornell School trips have started.
- MAP testing is this week.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will have a trip to walk over to JIS and see their school for next year.
- The final PBIS event will be a teacher vs kids for each grade level and is being finalized.
- Field Day is scheduled for 5/22; Sarah will deliver the popsicles.

#### **JIS Update – Brad Wehrman**

- Teacher Appreciation is amazing.
- The PBIS trips to Blendon Woods are scheduled with 4<sup>th</sup> grade trip on 5/5 and the 5<sup>th</sup> grade on 5/6. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade trip was the day of this meeting, and the Costco pizza was a hit!
- The 4<sup>th</sup> grade will have a trip later in May to the Ohio Statehouse.
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade camp also later in May and there are 6 students which need some additional support. The request is for support to pay for 4 full camp fees and 2 partial fees.
  - Ashlea Wentzel made a motion to approve a budget of up to \$960 to cover 4 full cost camp fees and 2 half price camp fees. Diana Camden seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
  - The group requested Mr. Wehrman to check on any requested supply donations such as sunscreen, water bottles, etc. The hope is for next year to research sponsors for water bottles which could also be a keepsake for students.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> graders will also be participating in Biztown which assigns jobs and income with the students needing to budget and shop.

#### **JMS Update – Nick Hancock**

- Thanks for Teacher Appreciation treats, everyone is enjoying.
- Also thanks for the school dance support, DJ and photo booth. With the music and other activities, the kids behaved, and it was a very successful event.
- The candy sales incentives are in full swing with a field day the week of this meeting, a trampoline park visit (change of clothes requested), and a tour of the factory.
- The DC trip is the last week of school for 8<sup>th</sup> graders.
- The Roberson Construction event for 7<sup>th</sup> grade is scheduled.
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade will have an anti-vaping event.
- The last PBIS event is on 5/16.

#### **JHS Update – Christian Grove**

- Thank you for the Teacher Appreciation, the staff was delighted to be included.

- The prom will be on Saturday at the Jefferson Country Club.
- The Senior clap out event is 5/12 with parents lining the sidewalks from JHS to JMS, walking through JMS into JIS, then riding buses over to JES where students will be paired with kindergarteners to walk through a final clap out.
- Senior awards are 5/14 at 7:00.
- The senior trip to Cedar Point is scheduled.
- Field day is planned with plenty of activities for students.
- Final examples are the week of 5/19 with graduation practice on 5/22. Graduation is scheduled for 5/23.

#### **District Updates – Dr. Wagner**

- The Teacher Appreciation is wonderful, and the District Office appreciated being included.
- The building project at the high school continues and remains on track with walls and trestles going up.
- School funding is under scrutiny and the carryover balance is being reviewed however no significant concerns with that balance are anticipated. There was a visit with Ohio Representative Kelly Miller.
- The district office is working with the schools on next year's staffing.
- There are updates to video surveillance and vaping sensors at both JMS and JHS.
- Enrollment is down slightly for next year.

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

The next meeting will be on Monday, June 2, 2025, in the JMS media center at 6PM.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alisha Wheeler, Secretary