

Johnstown

Parent Teacher Organization Inc.

Johnstown Monroe School District (JMSD)



JMSD PTO Meeting
September 3, 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

Guests:

Emily Dague	Kayla Stypula	Taylor Roberts	Corey Ehinger
Amanda Chapman	Meredith Moore	Marci Parpart	Amanda Knicely
Amanda Postle	Taryn Stover	Ashley Briggs	Heather Green

Call to Order

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

Introduction of Board Members

President's Report: Ashlea Wentzel

- Walkathon Planning
 - Confirmed prizes and walking schedules; the JIS and JMS schedules have a slight overlap
 - Over \$22,000 raised as of the meeting; envelopes were picked up from JES, JIS, and JMS.
 - Kona Ice will have the small sizes for Kindergarten and 1st grade however the team will need any dietary restrictions
 - Mrs. Wagoner will request 5 tables, trash cans, extension cords, the first aid kit and an assigned nurse if possible
 - Waiting on Mr. Jenney to verify the hose and extension cords for the foam station
- Fall Event for 2025 – “booster-palooza”
 - Opportunity to have a fall event between the Walkathon and the winter event.
 - Plan will be to coordinate with all the other boosters (choir, band, PTO, athletics)
 - Cider press is already available (Derenbergers)
- 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.

Vice President's Update – Spirit Store

- Need an update from Dr. Wagner and Craig McDonald on approaching BSN for first right of refusal.
- Overview of offerings (uniform polo shirts, hoodies, tshirts, athletic specific (footballs or cheer items)).
- There is a space the team looked at the high school.
- There could be a future endeavor for the business class once the store is up and running.

Treasurer Report: Sarah Penrod

- The Harlem Wizards (the team) are similar to the Harlem Globetrotters.

- The event would replace the art festival and become the winter event.
- There would be assemblies at each of the schools during the day.
- The setup would start at 4:30 with the event taking place from 7-9.
- There would be \$1,500 up front cost.
- The team suggests starting advertising 100 days out; they would supply the art for the advertising.
- The team would setup online ticket sales however tickets at the door are an option.
- The prices are set by the PTO; there would be normal seats, reserve, and VIPs.
- The team will keep 48% of the ticket sales or \$5,000, whichever is greater.
- The PTO keeps all concession revenue and 20-25% of souvenir sales.
- The PTO will need to find and reserve hotel rooms (trying to find a discount or donated rooms).
- Sarah Penrod will check on travel costs in case the team is not able to find other schools for their events close to Johnstown.
- It was suggested to look at shirts for the school team, potentially through sponsors (25 staff members requested). Taylor Roberts mentioned she makes shirts and could help.
- Awaiting confirmation on dates for availability – 12/13 was open and the 1st choice; other date options included 1/9, 2/13, and 4/10 (4/10 may conflict with testing).

Communications Lead Update – Jasmine Gentry

- The Skate & Swim reached out about a potential PTO night for the community.
 - The offerings would be for 2-hour timeslots charging \$2 per person.
 - The groups would be separated into grades K-5 and grades 6-12.
 - The PTO would take in 20% of the profits.
 - The Skate & Swim can offer a meal deal (pizza, chips, soda).
 - The principals will think about potential dates and send options to Jasmine Gentry.

Secretary Update – Alisha Wheeler

- Meeting minutes from the August 5th meeting were reviewed. Ashlea Wentzel made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Stephanie Giannini seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

JMS Update – Ashlea Wentzel (Nick Hancock had a prior commitment)

- JMS requested approval of funds to purchase a 9-square in the air game from Amazon. The game costs \$799. Ashlea Wentzel made a motion to approve \$900 for the purchase of the 9-square in the air game for JMS. Stephanie Giannini seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

JES Update – Roben Wagoner, Amanda Douglass

- There has been a smooth start to the year and the students are wonderful so a huge thanks to their parents.
- Looking for inclusive equipment for the playground.
- Future endeavors would be to make the building more accessible as well.
- The group discussed the need to consider students with special needs moving onto JIS and how inclusivity would work there are well.
- The staff is working on starting testing on computers which is tricky for the younger kids. When asked about what parents may be able to do at home to help, the administration was very appreciative for the question and said the trickiest part was to copy the code from the board to the keyboard and then wait (not touch the keyboard).

JIS Update – Brad Wehrman

- The school year is off to a good start and Mr Wehrman is working on getting to know the kids and teachers.
- The car line is going well with the biggest focus being on making sure the kids stay safe with all the traffic.
- The reading testing is complete with the math ongoing and science later in September.
- The administration is slowly migrating to the NWEA Map which allows for growth reports and more features for the teachers to meet the kids where they are at academically.
- Wit & Wisdom curriculum is rolling out at JES and JIS is rolling out after the first of the year. All teachers are expected to complete at least one module before the end of the school year. With the changes, the principals will discuss a potential curriculum night for parents to learn more.
- The administration for JIS is trying to have the initial meetings for 5th grade camp covering timing, costs, etc.

JHS Update – Ashlea Wentzel (Michael Shipton had a prior commitment)

- The high school is slowly onboarding for the Walkathon with many of the grades having this as the first year ever for the event.

Open Forum

- Dances for JMS are being discussed with Mr. Hancock.

The next meeting will be October 7, 2024 in the JMS media center at 6PM.

Ashlea Wentzel made a motion to adjourn and Stephanie Giannini seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alisha Wheeler, Secretary