

# Johnstown

## *Parent Teacher Organization Inc.*

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*Johnstown Monroe School District (JMSD)*



JMSD PTO Meeting  
December 11, 2024 at 6:00 PM  
JMS Media Center

### **Members:**

Ashlea Wentzel, President  
Stephanie Giannini, Vice President  
Sarah Penrod, Treasurer  
Jasmine Gentry, Communication 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, Superintendent

### **Guests:**

Amanda Chapman      Diana Camden  
Taryn Stover          Marcy Parpart

### **Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm by Ashlea Wentzel.

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

- The Teacher Shop was completed; a huge thanks to the school representatives for delivering to the teachers. Feedback from the teachers was they really liked being able to ask for specific items and the delivery to them was very convenient!
- Holiday treat requests for JES (481) and JIS (280) were discussed; the group agreed to Koolaid Jammers and Oreos.
- Requests were also made for JMS (413) and JHS (460). JMS will be delivered for handing out at lunch and JHS will be handed out in homerooms.
- Ashlea Wentzel motioned to approve \$2,000 for holiday treats for all the schools. Stephanie Giannini seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
- The Fall Festival planning for 2025 is in full swing and meetings have been conducted with Dr. Wagner, Mr. Shipton and Mr. Gantt. It will be a Homecoming Festival week. The hope is to have athletes visit JES and JIS. The field will have activities after the pep rally. There is a potential to teach the all students the alma mater and potentially also have the school shirts completed and distributed.

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

- The DIY Holiday Ornament Fundraiser from CreateJoy was a success, bringing in \$413 with 516 ornaments sold. The buy 1 get one free (BOGO) was the most popular option. The group is hoping to have this be a yearly event moving forward.

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

- Sarah Penrod provided an update on the financials which are overall at \$15,354.34 (\$2,993.88 for General Fund and \$12,360.46 in the School Fund).
- The Harlem Wizards event deposit has been made and 48 tickets sold to date. The hotel is in the process of being booked and the gym is reserved. The pep rallies are planned for 2/12 or 2/13. The player reveal and other incentives will be sent in the future to help drive more sales. Jasmine will work on the flyers for emails/principal updates.
- Mr. Wehrman is working on some potential space at JIS and the group decided to hold until the summer to give more time for Mr. Wehrman to get through everything and rearrange as well as for the PTO to work through and sort out what can be removed from storage to cut down on the space needed.

- The group briefly discussed the potential for a day camp to help students as it is hard for some high schoolers to obtain all their volunteer hours. Any ideas are welcome, and this will remain on the horizon for a future event.

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

- The ornament sale through Mr. Bergstrom's class was successful resulting in over 150 ornaments sold and a \$674.41 profit!

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

- Meeting minutes from the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed. Ashlea Wentzel made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Stephanie Giannini seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.
- The additional cost for Mrs. Shafer's rescheduled sky view event was discussed however it was under \$100 so did not require approval at this time.
- The PTO offered the spirit store with apparel through 643 in Gahanna. The event ran through Thanksgiving and closed the Sunday after the holiday. 643 will be sending a check for the fundraising to Sarah Penrod directly. Pickup is scheduled for 12/18 at JHS and 12/19 at JMS as needed. Alisha will request contact information for all those who purchased for school pickup to coordinate dropoff/pickup times and locations.

#### **JES Update – Roben Wagoner & Amanda Douglass**

- Thanks for the staff gifts; the teachers didn't expect the wrapped gifts, so it was a wonderful surprise.
- Mrs. Wagoner and Mrs. Douglass are working on a combined reading and math night due to difficulties scheduling with the Wizards game request.
- January 17<sup>th</sup> will be the family dance party which parents must attend. The team requested \$700 for supplies. Ashlea Wentzel made a motion to approve \$700 for supplies for the JES family dance party. Stephanie Giannini seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
- For future skate nights, the request was potentially for pre-sale to help streamline check-in.

#### **JIS Update – Brad Wehrman**

- Mr. Wehrman echoed thanks for the teacher gifts.
- Sky night was a success however the second night will be rescheduled because it was cloudy, hopefully for spring. The first night had over 100 families and everyone enjoyed the snacks paid for by the PTO!

#### **JMS Update – Nick Hancock**

- Mr. Hancock said the teachers were very appreciative and excited about being included in the gifts.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter PBIS award was a success. The next incentive day for PBIS will be 12/20.

#### **JHS Update – Michael Shipton**

- The teachers were excited for the gifts and those who did not make requests noted to make sure they had requests in next year.
- Midterms were the week after the PTO meeting.
- The Student of the Month pizza lunch was the previous Friday.

#### **District Updates**

- The multipurpose space size of the JMS gym is on the horizon. There is a need because the current area for wrestling is not sustainable.
- Previously the VoAg program was suspended due to a decline in participation. The school will be working with Northridge in the future and survey students for interest going forward to try to find an alternative.
- ODOT is studying Route 62 to help with traffic flow and there will be more meetings to come as changes would impact busing among other things.
- Senate Bill 29 for student privacy was discussed, however, the school doesn't sell data, so it is not a concern.
- Artificial intelligence (AI) is being investigated and the school has applied for a state grant to experiment with the technology.
- Students are helping with the maintenance of the Cornell School, and the school is hoping to bring into the buildings available to the school in the future.
- JES received the Purple Star designation as a facility which is family-friendly to military families. Hoping other facilities may receive designation in the future.
- There has been some decrease in the population within the school district, however enrollment has been staying static. The high school addition is ongoing with 6 additional classrooms and hoping to have it open for August 2025.

### **Open Forum**

- Dr. Wagner noted there will be some discussions around the school dress code and he may be tapping on some parents to have an open discussion on the current dress code.
- Both the PTO and the administration noted how wonderful it has been to open up the PTO and how well everyone is working together.
- The PTO carnival will be moved to April, potentially the 12<sup>th</sup>, and back to JES.

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

Ashlea Wentzel made a motion to adjourn, and Stephanie Giannini seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alisha Wheeler, Secretary