

Johnstown

Parent Teacher Organization Inc.

Johnstown Monroe School District (JMSD)



JMSD PTO Meeting
October 7, 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:

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

Guests:

Emily Dague	Elli Reney	Diane Crompton	Heather Green
Amanda Chapman	Meredith Moore	Marci Parpart	
Jessi Thomas	Taryn Stover	Corey Ehinger	

Call to Order

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

President's Report: Ashlea Wentzel

- Walkathon Recap
 - Good times and enjoyed by all
 - Around \$36,000 brought in through online donations, cash donations, and business donations with \$19,936.04 profit once vendors were paid.
 - Lesson learned for 2025 if we have a foam pit to warn parents and students they will get wet and potentially bring a change of clothes.
- Parent/Teacher Conference Night Meals
 - Provided for one night at JMS and JHS with meat & cheese trays for sandwiches, fruit, salads, and cookies. The staff enjoyed the meal.
 - JES (10/15) and JIS (11/14) are next. JES has 45 teachers while JIS has 25 for planning a similar meal.
- The PTO board would like to do an "Intro to Teachers" at JHS and JMS to give an overview of what the PTO can do for the school and students since this is their first year.
- JIS GOOD Program (Going On Or Defeated) introduced at JIS with Ron Derry coming to speak to students about perseverance and qualities of the GOOD program.
 - Mr. Wehrman is requesting help to cover the cost for extra shirts for rewarding 4th and 5th graders who are GOOD Program winners (\$636 for 4th grade and \$546 for 5th grade).
 - Ashlea Wentzel made a motion to approve \$1182 to support the GOOD program at JIS. Stephanie Giannini seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) field trips are being planned as incentives to make the goals set for students. Mr. Hancock is requesting help covering one of the field trips which would be busing and skating at the Johnstown Skate & Swim.
 - Ashlea Wentzel made a motion to approve \$3,000 for busing and skating field trip for PBIS. Stephanie Giannini seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Mr. Bergstrom has an idea to utilize the etching machine which has a laser to create ornaments or Tupperware to sell. His class would make designs and the PTO would pay for the supplies. Presales would take place before winter break.
 - Ashlea Wentzel made a motion to approve \$2,000 for supplies for Mr. Bergstrom's class to create ornaments or other items to sell for the holidays. Stephanie Giannini seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- The PTO would like to sponsor a Teacher Shop again for this year. This year the plan is to reach out to teachers for their specific requests. A form will be sent out for teachers to complete by 10/15 and then the PTO will order and plan to handout to teachers the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.
 - Ashlea Wentzel made a motion to approve \$8,000 at \$50 per teacher for the Teacher Shop. Stephanie Giannini seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Vice President's Update – Stephanie Giannini

- DIY Holiday Ornament Fundraiser from CreateJoy offered to pain ornaments held at the JES commons on 11/20 from 5-8. CreateJoy will manage an online pre-order site which will be \$15 per ornament or buy 3 get one free for \$45. The profit for the PTO will be \$5 per ornament. Stephanie Giannini will contact the Village Council to see if a message can be displayed on the sign on the square.

Treasurer Report: Sarah Penrod

- Sarah Penrod provided an update on the financials which are overall at \$28,204.99.
- There was a discussion of potential space availability at the schools for storage rather than continuing to pay for a storage unit. Mr. Wehrman and Dr. Wagner will look at some potential space at JIS.
- The Harlem Wizards event will be requested for 2/13 which is a Thursday evening (no school on 2/14); the event would begin at 7. The capacity for the gym at the high school is around 1,200. The PTO would pay \$1,500 in upfront costs and Sarah Penrod will be checking on a cancellation policy since there is a potential for inclement weather at that time of year. The PTO would bring in 50% of ticket costs, 100% of concessions, and 20-25% of merchandise sales. There will need to be 20-25 teachers or staff (or alumni) for participation with an additional 20-25 volunteers needed. With the date for the game in February, the Spring Carnival would move to April.

Communications Lead Update – Jasmine Gentry

- The Skate & Swim even will be scheduled for 11/6 and 2/27 for JES and JIS. There will be a flyer sent home prior to the event for parents. The event will be opened for 2 hours each night with \$10 per skater. The maximum is 175 skaters and the venue can hold 500 people. There will be concessions open for attendees.

Secretary Update – Alisha Wheeler

- Meeting minutes from the September 3rd 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 PTO will be purchasing more volunteer shirts to make for the next event to help identify volunteers who can help attendees with questions. The purchase of the shirts is less than \$100 so does not require approval.
- Alisha Wheeler and Stephanie Giannini will be visiting 643 in Gahanna to obtain some estimates for the spirit store. Alisha Wheeler will confirm if any businesses in town can supply the full range of spirit store offerings prior to making a decision for a vendor.

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 – Amanda Douglass

- Conferences are the following Tuesday and Thursday.
- Megan York requested funds to attend a PE conference. Ashlea Wentzel made a motion to approve \$235 for conference expenses and Stephanie Giannini seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- Megan York requested funds for recess equipment. Ashlea Wentzel made a motion to approve \$300 for recess equipment and Stephanie Giannini seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- Dress Like a Farmer Day is Friday with fire safety also taking place where the students will visit the local fire station.
- Grandparents Day is next Thursday with a program and open house for the event.
- The Halloween Parade is 11/1 and JES would like to request treats for 484 students.
- Veterans Day is also upcoming and JES would like to ask the PTO to provide cookies and coffee similar to prior years.

JIS Update – Brad Wehrman

- 10/10 the school will have a fireman visit scheduled.
- The Halloween Event for JIS is on 10/31 and the request is for juice, cookies, and candy for 276 students.
- Veterans Day event is being planned.
- 5th grade is planning a Math Facts Through 12 for 5th graders and would like to purchase hats for students at \$3 per hat. Ashlea Wentzel made a motion to approve \$800 for hats for Math Facts with Stephanie Giannini seconding the motion which passed unanimously.

The Halloween treat discussion continued and the decision was made to approve \$2,000 for all 4 schools. Ashlea Wentzel made the motion to approve \$2,000 for treats for all 4 schools for Halloween events. Stephanie Giannini seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

JMS Update – Nick Hancock

- The suggestion was 30 bags of candy for JMS for their event on 10/31.
- Parent teacher conferences were the prior week and the meal was very well received by the teachers.
- The food drive event is planned with the hop of 500 cans per grade level which if achieved the students will be able to go down the haunted hallways. The winning grade gets a dress down day.
- There is a Veterans Assembly planned and the school would like cookies and coffee as well if possible.
- The 9 square for recess has been ordered from Amazon.

JHS Update – Michael Shipton

- The homecoming dance was the Roaring 20s and was able to be opened up with parent chaperone volunteers.
- Senior night is scheduled for 10/25.
- 10/20 is the cabaret from 3-5.
- 10/18 is a work day for staff.
- The administration is on board with a \$1 hat day option for students to raise additional funds for the PTO.
- The food drive is Student Council run and the hope is to have 15 or more cans per student which will earn them a bracelet to wear spiritwear to school.

District Update – Dr. Wagner

- JHS will have 6 new classrooms opening next August as well as a multi-purpose area on North campus.
- The district continues to give huge thanks for the expansion of the PTO this school year and looks forward to continuing for years to come.

Open Forum

- The PTO will continue discussion for a Fall Event 2025 with a meeting to go through ideas with Dr. Wagner in the coming weeks.

The next meeting will be November 4, 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 7:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alisha Wheeler, Secretary