

# Johnstown

## *Parent Teacher Organization Inc.*

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*Johnstown Monroe School District (JMSD)*



JMSD PTO Meeting  
January 15, 2025 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  
Abby Fitz, Dean of Students JMS  
Michael Shipton, JHS Principal  
Dr. Philip Wagner, Superintendent

### **Guests:**

Diana Camden  
Taryn Stover  
Amanda Postle

### **Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Ashlea Wentzel.

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

- The Spring Carnival is scheduled for 4/12 and is moved to JES; Roben Wagoner confirmed the building is reserved. As discussed last year after the carnival, the hope is to have multiple committees to help spread the work (games, donations, concessions). Those meetings will kick off after the Wizards game.
- Valentine treat requests for all schools (oreos and juice boxes).
  - Ashlea Wentzel motioned to approve \$1,500 for valentine treats for all the schools. Stephanie Giannini seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
- Elizabeth Yassenoff made a donation in memory of Paula Rossier; Paula's husband would like to make a donation as well.
- There was a discussion around a potential lunch fund as there were concerns raised on Facebook around lunches provided to students when they do not have any funds in their account.
  - The administration will be working to create a refresher on the application process and availability for students to send home and will let the PTO know if there is a need for a fund for students in the future.

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

- No updates at this time.

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

- Sarah Penrod provided an update on the financials as of 1/4/25 which are overall at \$14,068.83 (\$2,908.84 for General Fund and \$11,159.99 in the School Fund).
- The Wizards game is coming up fast.
  - There is an ask if administrators could see if any teachers would like to volunteer.
  - The hotel is booked. Players will be staying at the Fairfield Inn & Suites off Hamilton.
  - Assemblies will be scheduled for 4/12 (20 minutes each).
    - JES will need to be before JMS (around 9:30) or 1:00/later
    - JIS/JHS is requested for 1:50 to 2:20.
    - JMS is requested for 10:14 to 10:55.
  - There are 20 free tickets which will be split 5 per school to give to students.
  - Reveals will be made over the next 2 weeks and flyers will be provided to send home with students.

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

- No updates at this time.

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

- Meeting minutes from the December 11, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Ashlea Wentzel made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Stephanie Giannini seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

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

- Family Dance night is January 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:30 for K-1 and 6:45-7:45 for 2-3. There is an invoice for the DJ received. There was a request for concessions.
  - Ashlea Wentzel motioned to approve \$500 for concessions to use at the Family Dance on January 17th at JES. Stephanie Giannini seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
- Similar to last year, JES would like to request 10 extra yearbooks in case some parents decide to buy after the ordering period is closed. Ashlea Wentzel motioned to approve \$150 for extra yearbooks for JES. Stephanie Giannini seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

#### **JIS Update – Brad Wehrman**

- For the Battle of the Books at JIS, Mr Wehrman requested funds for shirts. Ashlea Wentzel motioned to approve \$350 for shirts for the 4-5 grade Battle of the Books. Stephanie Giannini seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
- JIS would like to request funds for an author visit. Ashlea Wentzel motioned to approve \$1,000 the JIS author visit. Stephanie Giannini seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
- JIS would also like to request 5 extra yearbooks in case some parents decide to buy after the ordering period is closed. Ashlea Wentzel motioned to approve \$75 for extra yearbooks for JES. Stephanie Giannini seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

#### **JMS Update – Abby Fitz**

- Thank you for the skating funds for the PBIS winners. The 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 weeks skating party for PBIS is upcoming.

#### **JHS Update – Michael Shipton**

- Mr. Shipton and Mr. Gantt are interviewing for a new varsity girls soccer coach.
- The American Red Cross is having a blood drive for the public at the high school.
- Parent/Teacher conferences are coming up and the PTO will be providing food for teachers on 2/4.
  - Ashlea Wentzel motioned to approve \$100 for February and March parent/teacher conferences at all schools. Stephanie Giannini seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

#### **District Updates**

- The addition to the high school is going well and remains on track for opening in August 2025. There will be no traffic allowed around the back of the building because of the active construction site.
- The School Board is in the final stages of negotiations with the city to purchase some property for expanding to have auxiliary space for some of the sports which are growing out of their current areas.
- There was a PowerSchool data breach information sent out to parents; an internal audit is being conducted to see what exposures may have happened.
- House Bill 8 has passed. The administration is gathering more information around the different components of the bill.
- Dr. Wagner is working on creating a sub-committee for dress code discussions. The PTO proposed the idea of a uniform donation and exchange offering to help parents and students find more options within dress code guidelines.
- Dr. Wagner once again expressed appreciation for the PTO working on expanding this year and serving all the schools in the district.

The next meeting will be on Monday, February 3, 2025, in the JMS media center at 6PM.

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alisha Wheeler, Secretary