

Johnstown

Parent Teacher Organization Inc.

Johnstown Elementary & Johnstown Intermediate



September 5, 2023

5 pm

JIS Commons

Executive Board Members:

Ashlea Wentzel, President
Amanda Knicely, Vice President
Jasmine Gentry, Treasurer

Paula Rosser, Secretary
Roben Wagoner, JES Principal
Ben Jagger, JIS Principal

Members & Guests:

Diana Camden
Ciara Russell
Ashlee McFadden

Martin Topalov
Amanda Douglass, Dean of Students

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm by Ashlea Wentzel.

President's Report

- Ashlea Wentzel informed us that the date for the Walk-a-Thon was changed and will be September 29, 2023 (rain date Oct. 6) and we still need (3) committee members.
- The Walk-a-Thon theme will be "Johnnie Pride".
- Ashlea Wentzel informed us that she is currently waiting for Quotes from Main Events and Awesome Family Entertainment, and she should hear back from them by the end of this week.
- Ashlea Wentzel informed us that there was a small issue with the Get Movin school webpage after entering the new teachers, but she called customer support, and they fixed the issue.
- Ashlea Wentzel asked if a request for use of the practice field and track for Walk-a-Thon Day with the Athletic Director had been made. Ben Jagger said that he had talked to Robbie, and Robbie had a few questions. Paula Rosser suggested that a request to the bus garage for JES needs to be made.
- Ashlea Wentzel suggested that the Walk-a-Thon will need to be set up by 9am and down by 3:20pm.
- Ashlea Wentzel asked if a fundraiser request to Central Office for Walk-a-Thon had been made. Roben Wagoner said that she sent the request and hasn't received a response, and she will follow-up.
- Ashlea Wentzel suggested that a Facility Request will need to be completed on the day of the event for (5) 8 ft. tables, and as many trash cans as we can get.
- Ashlea Wentzel informed us that Kona Ice has agreed to be part of this event for around the same cost as last year. Last year's cost was \$2.10 per student.
- Ashlea Wentzel informed us that Steve Holley will be available to DJ the Walk-a-thon event.

Vice President's Report

- Amanda Knicely informed us that she is currently still working on the online form for volunteers.
- Amanda Knicely informed us that she received volunteer forms and made a spreadsheet for each event.
- Amanda Knicely requested to meet with the Roben Wagoner and Ben Jagger to go over event dates to get volunteers scheduled.

Secretary Report

- Paula Rosser reviewed the August 7, 2023 meeting minutes. Ashlea Wentzel suggested changing the Walk-a-Thon date to the new date.

MOTION: Ashlea Wentzel moved to approve the August 7, 2023 meeting minutes with the suggested Walk-a-Thon date changed to September 29, 2023 and rain date as October 6, 2023. Diana Camden seconded the motion. All votes were in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer Report

- Jasmine Gentry informed us that the yearly budget is slightly over budget (around \$500) and we will discuss and make adjustments to the yearly budget at the next meeting or November meeting.
- The official financial report is attached to the minutes for reference.

Financial Report:

JES:	\$10,881.35
General:	\$2,200.26
OVERALL:	\$13,081.61

Principal Report - Mrs. Roben Wagoner

- Roben Wagoner reported that a total of 501 students are enrolled at JES.
- Roben Wagoner informed us that I-Ready testing started today with the kindergarten classes.
- Roben Wagoner informed us that Star Matrix behavior rewards daily nominations and students receive a certificate and their name announced on the speaker.
- Roben Wagoner informed us that the 'Student of the Month' theme for August was 'Community' and September is 'Safety'. Roben wagoner also mentioned that the 'Secret Student' is teacher picked and given by a teacher in secret.
- Roben Wagoner mentioned that the new S.T.E.A.M. Room is now done, and students are enjoying.
- Roben Wagoner requested purchase for Sensory Paths for the outdoor concrete play area is needed and educational. By purchasing these Sensory Paths, it could be used at both JES and JIS. Roben Wagoner showed various options and choices.

MOTION: Ashlea Wentzel moved to approve \$2000 to purchase Sensory Paths for JES and JIS. Paula Rosser seconded the motion. All votes were in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

Principal Report - Mr. Benjamin Jagger

- Ben Jagger reported that a total of 263 students are enrolled at JIS.

- Ben Jagger informed us that I-Ready testing started last week for the 4th grade students and started today for the 5th grade students.
- Ben Jagger reported that the Innovation Center will be soon.
- Ben Jagger informed us that the corner of Douglas and Oregon is known as “Always Sunny”
- Ben Jagger informed us that JIS Character Trait of the Month for August was Expectations and September is Responsibilities. Students recognized are rewarded with ‘Sunshine Awards’.
- Ben Jagger informed us that he has plans for field trips, Math Literacy Night, and 5th Grade Camp.
- Ben Jagger made a request for Melissa Dyer to purchase (1) gym mat for gym class in the “café-gym-atorium”.

MOTION: Ashlea Wentzel moved to approve \$225 to purchase (1) gym mat for JIS gym class. Diana Camden seconded the motion. All votes were in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

Open Forum

- A unanimous decision was made to have all the PTO meetings at one location and decided on JES. Paula Rosser asked Principals to update Johnstown Monroe district website with the new PTO meeting dates for this school year.
- A suggestion was made to provide pictures of Sensory Paths for parents and corporate sponsors.
- Discussion and suggestions were made about holiday parties at both JES and JIS.
- The PTO decided with safety and parking issues, that only staff and volunteers will attend the Walk-a-Thon. This is a non-public event and a requirement for all volunteers is to provide an approved background check beforehand. Principals will add this link to their weekly newsletter.
- Paula Rosser asked about latex allergies for inflatables and Ashlea Wentzel will find out once we receive a response from Main Events or Awesome Family Entertainment.

The next meeting will be October 2, 2023 in JES Commons at 5pm.

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Rosser, Secretary