

Johnstown Elementary PTA (JEPTA)
Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2026 | 3:00 PM
Pleasant Avenue Elementary

I. Call to Order

President Jamie Sedal Amman called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendees:

Jamie Sedal Amman, Ashley Valik, Katie Warner, Ashleigh Downes, Amanda Bunker, Matthew Lewis, Cory Cotter, Bridget Rocco, Julia Barringer, Jessica Hayner, Jacky Whitman

Zoom Attendee:

Sherri Miller

II. Secretary's Report

- January meeting minutes have been posted.
- February meeting minutes will be posted following approval.

Motion to approve January minutes: Cory Cotter
Seconded by: Ashley Valik

III. Treasurer's Report

- Scholastic Book Fair has been paid. Profit totaled **\$69**, which is significantly lower than typical book fair earnings. This will be reviewed and we will be calling Scholastic to remedy this.
- A new reimbursement form has been created, including a budget line for principals. This update is expected to streamline the reimbursement process.

- Founder's Day will now be held every other year. Combined with a recent donation for Knox, this adjustment should help offset any projected budget deficit.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: Amanda Bunker

Seconded by: Bridget Rocco

Motion carried.

IV. Principal Reports

- **Literacy Carnival:** Mrs. Cotter requested JEPTA support for this annual event. Funding is already allocated in the budget. A formal gift will be presented once the final amount is determined.
- **Warren Fun Day:** A donation request was also made for this annual event. Funding is already included in the budget.

V. Fundraising & Events Updates

BINGO

- Knox BINGO was well attended and successfully incorporated into a previously scheduled dance/fun night.
- **Elementary BINGO Night:** February 26 at Warren Street, 5:30 PM (Gym)
 - Volunteers are needed.
 - Penguin Patch gift cards were used to purchase prizes.

VI. Other Reports

Public Library Basket

- Katie Warner reported that items have been purchased and assembled into a spring-themed wagon (bubble maker, sports equipment, jump ropes, etc.). This will be brought to the library over February break.

- Baskets will be accepted through March 26.
- Drawing will take place March 30, 2026.

Knox Transition Update

- Knox will dissolve from JEPTA at the end of the school year and transition to working with the High School PTSA.
- Conversations have begun with Erin Fazzio.
- As no bylaw changes are required, the transition is expected to be straightforward.
- Knox will remain part of JEPTA through July 1, 2026.
- An Executive Meeting (date TBD) will be held to discuss financials and equitable distribution of funds to ensure fairness for Knox students.

VII. Upcoming Events & Celebrations

Winter Carnival

- Previously canceled due to lack of volunteers.
- Tentative reschedule date: March 7.
- Board discussed the importance of community engagement and increasing volunteer participation. Decision pending on additional outreach.

Spring Book Fair (BOGO)

- Pleasant Avenue: April 28
- Warren Street: May 13 (to be paired with Family Fun Night/Art Show)

Classic Car Wash Fundraiser (April)

- \$2 off Platinum Wash for customers
- \$5 per wash donated to JEPTA

- Customers must mention the JEPTA code.
- Goal: 50+ washes
- Promotion will run throughout April.

Chocolate Fundraiser (March – delivery before Easter)

- Fundraisers distributed to all buildings (Thank you, Jen and Bridget).
- ParentSquare reminder has been sent; additional reminder planned.
- Distribution logistics discussed; exploring ways to simplify pickup at school buildings. Delivery date pending.

High Rollers Skate Night

- Volunteer Lead: Julia Barringer
- Proposed Date: March 26
- Two Sessions: 4:00–5:45 PM and 6:15–8:00 PM
- \$9 per child (PTA covers half); Adults \$9 skate fee; \$3 spectator fee
- Discussion: Possibly combining into one 4:30–6:30 PM session with attendance cap.

Dodgeball Tournament

- Warren Street & Knox event
- Popular fundraiser and makes a decent amount of money
- Need to confirm gym availability and event chair before setting date. This will take a team of people.
- Adequate staffing is required due to event size and logistics.

Founder's Day

- Moving to an every-other-year schedule to allow for stronger planning and execution.

VIII. Future Meeting Dates

- March 11, 2026 – 6:00 PM @ Warren Street
- May meeting will need to be rescheduled due to conflict with Art Show.

IX. Comments & Discussion

- A parent engagement survey will be created to gather feedback on meeting times, volunteer availability, and barriers to participation.
- Jacky Whitman and Katie Warner will lead this initiative.

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:56 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Katie Warner