



Kewaskum School District

The Kewaskum Community Schools ignite a passion for learning.

January 5, 2026

Attendance: Jessi Steinert, Christie Martin, Natasha Ernst, Kaycee Warnke, Mark Getz, Shalyn Gerczak, Marlena Oechsner, Amanda Beck, Jess Repsa

Budget

- 25k between savings and checking - only 6k available for new purchases/needs
- Purchases:
 - \$300 for 4th grade
 - Seatbelt for swing
 - PTO supplies
 - Student of the month-donated bracelets and glow sticks-budgeted under SOAR(\$900 over budget but all justified)
 - Miscellaneous - holiday treats for staff and amazon purchases
- Clothing racks purchased for winter gear
 - Jessi saw a need and just ordered both for under \$60, everyone agreed it was a good idea
- Restock of bathroom baskets & cootie baskets
 - Agreed to move forward with replenishing and putting together a cootie basket for the teachers lounge
- Scooter Boards - \$2,600
 - Waiting to find out best way to purchase, most likely school will purchase and PTO will reimburse the district
- Bus Driver Appreciation (\$25 per driver, partnered with FES)
 - Do we want to do this again?
 - Agreed to reach out to FES and purchase the gift cards again
- Wish List Items - Music (Ukeleles and Boomwackers) / Spanish (sombreros and maracas)
 - Still waiting to hear back from Art, this will be our focus this year and for promoting at adult night & fun run

BP Fueling Forward

- August 2026
 - New owner has confirmed they will continue to offer this to organizations and we are scheduled for August 2026, Jessi will get more information as we get closer and will market on socials

Family Directory

- [Email](#) from ABBY WATZLAWICK
 - Group decided that we need more information before committing
 - Jessi is going to talk with Abby and see if there is a better avenue or group to assist with this initiative
 - Happy to assist with offering options to hand out flyers at our events to give parents ideas of how they can connect with other families

Tastefully Simple Fundraiser

- [Email](#) from Tori Duehning
 - Group decided that this could create a conflict of interest to other direct sellers in the community if we agreed to do this fundraiser and not others
 - Concerned with adding another fundraiser to our goals as well as asking families to donate again
 - Other options are available for Tori to promote her business within PTO events: donating a portion of her sales, raffle basket, etc.

Winter Fest

- Friday, January 30
 - 5:30 - 6:00 (Sensory Friendly - invite by teacher only, Front door entrance) - tickets will be given to teachers to hand out, will have someone at the front door to collect
 - 6:00 - 7:00 (Main Event, Back door entrance) - Mark and Natasha will monitor entrance
 - Free event, bounce houses, music - Jessi to confirm with the bounce house company on which bounce houses will be there and layout of last year to ensure the best layout
 - Teacher volunteers - sign up to be sent out - Jessi - sent out and already have some volunteers signed up
 - Flyers will need to be counted and sent home - Jess / Marlena - flyers disbursed to Jess/Marlena
 - Clothing Swap - use tables in cafeteria - clothes or other items can be brought in early, possible need to sort ahead of time (Jessi will confirm if volunteers are needed once we receive donations), Jessi will make signs for the tables to assist with organizing sizing of clothes or other Kewaskum items
 - Table for adult night information/tickets or donating to the event
 - Everyone to make an effort to take pictures and share in the group chat and Jessi will share on socials

Family Nights

- Do we have any plans?
 - February event: pay it forward/making valentines for Kettle Moraine Gardens
 - Idea to have the 5th grade leaders (10/15) be transported in the vans and deliver the cards and have basket of chocolate, will confirm with KMG if this plan is possible
 - Proposed April event - game night - bring your favorite board game (will also have games available) and find a family to play against

Adult Night

- Saturday March 14 @ Foundry 45 - Payment due Feb 14
- Murder Mystery - Till Death Do Us Part
- Ticket Price - \$25 (advance) / \$30
 - Flyers will need to be counted and sent home - Jess / Marlena - flyers disbursed to Jess/Marlena
- Dinner Choices - Edens - Agreed to Italian, Jess to confirm choices
- Silent Auction - Art items & high priced donations
 - Jessi talk to Kallie about the art items
 - Concert seats (4K winter, 4K graduation, winter concert, musical) - agreed to raffle these again
- Looking for raffle donations and event sponsors
 - [Donation List Link](#) - update as you go
 - [Donation Letter](#) (if you want to make changes, make a copy first)
 - Will take anything for donations
 - 100/150 people typical attendance
 - Setup during the day, all raffles are brought to The Foundry and put together in baskets or laid out
 - Fundraising for special teachers
 - Agreed to allow Westbury to sell tickets for the event

Fun Run

- May 14
- Platform to be used - Race for Education - confirmed date and information, flyers in process
- T-shirt design needed by February 26 (include KES and year in design) beginning of February
 - 5th grade leaders vote for top 10 designs and then we vote as a board.
 - Jessi to send out information to 3rd-5th graders who want to participate
- T-shirt sponsors - **should we try again? YES**
 - Gold (\$150+) // Silver (\$51-\$149) // Bronze (under \$50) - only health related sponsors
 - Snacks are donated from parents
 - Cautious of not over asking sponsors/businesses

Other Items

- Would like a form to utilize next year when asking for donations from businesses
- Father/daughter dance
 - Possibly March or April Friday night in the gym depending on availability from 5:30-7
 - Working on confirming the date with the dj
 - Will have snacks: possibly donations from Cousins to use their cheese machine for nachos, popcorn from WB movie theater
 - Reaching out to Flourish for flower donation/purchase for families to receive or purchase
 - Photo back drop
 - Jessi will assist to make the flyer

Meeting ended: 5:20pm

Note new date for the next meeting: March 3rd at 4:15pm