

Westport Youth Commission Meeting

Thursday, October 19 at 7:15pm

Town Hall Room 201/201A

7:19 - Welcome & Approval of the Minutes

- Ned made a motion to approve the minutes. Abi seconds. Motion carries.

7:20 - Youth Services Report

- Kevin talks about new initiative through DHS w/ police, schools, positive directions, health district, Westport Prevention Coalition- meets 3rd Wednesday every month at Staples to look at substance abuse awareness and prevention for all ages. Plan to do a vape program in November and will be creating a student survey. TAG has a rep and a WYC student can go as a rep.
- State department of ed got an enhancement grant which has funded WYC in past
- Go to distracted driving event this Saturday at SHS football field 11-1! Go out and support TAG! Joint leadership training Monday night @ Toquet 6-8 w/ TAG and WYC, great opportunity to meet and work with TAG students, important prep for Dodge-a-cop
- Josiah and Kevin met w/ chairs of each of the DHS branches, Elaine wants to bring together 4 commissions with joint meetings, most are during school hours so hard to attend, helps bring commissions together to learn about each other and get fresh perspectives
- April 19th is our meeting, many reps will be at our meeting, we can choose what to discuss, either normal meeting or plan a special event

7:25 - What's Up & Public Input

- Newsies opens in 3 weeks and one day!!!!
- Go around and say name/grade and/or position
- Toquet hall and WWPT will be broadcasting 2nd show of the year November 3rd! With school of rock in Bedford, NY
- Halloween parade Thursday the 26th! Rain or shine!

7:30 - Advocacy Group Reports

- Adam shares his thoughts: both these meetings and the advocacy group meeting are important, but advocacy group meetings are very important for doing the work. In order for an event to be successful, we need to put the work in beforehand. It is important for all members to participate. For those that haven't had the opportunity to participate, it is important to do so. If the lack of participation continues, positions will be evaluated.
- Marketing & Awareness
 - Abi and Jonathan made a WYC Instagram
- Peer Education & Awareness
 - 2 meetings with low turnout
 - These meetings are important to get no ideas
 - Mini mentor = branch of iMentor to go to elementary school and talk about internet safety, get out of class and talk to elementary schoolers
 - iMentor for 6th graders, make and rehearse a presentation after you get training, then do breakout groups for questions
 - Distracted driving event this Saturday at Staples football field 11-1. You can simulate a crash!!
 - Dodge-a-cop = collaboration with TAG, where kids make teams with a police officer and have a dodgeball tournament on Tuesday, November 21st
 - SPEEDIAL
 - Reboot electronically, last revised in 2010
 - New Initiatives- will get ideas in the breakout, try to initiate projects where both advocacy groups work

- Town Improvements
 - Student discounts- revamp, create a survey on how businesses want to proceed, keep DMA & Chamber up to date, need to advertise to students more
 - Laser tag- advocates for “night life”
 - Potential location- SHS Fieldhouse?
 - People would have to pay about \$1 a minute
 - Toquet hall governing board also had this idea, can work on it together w/ marketing
 - Pop-up, one night, 4 hour event, there’s a company that sets it up
 - Drive-in movie
 - Student creation market- far away, but many things need improvement
- T-shirts!!!!
 - Jonathan designed a logo, give people opportunities to look at it
 - We got a donation for the shirts to help cover the cost
 - Serenity is involved w/ t-shirt printing
- Ned makes a motion to approve the logo. Colin seconds the motion. Motion passed and carried.
- Abi makes a motion to approve the shirt sign. Ned seconds the motion. Motion passed and carried.

8:10 - Advocacy Group Breakouts

- During breakouts: look at the t-shirt design, why students don’t use discounts & how to fix it, movie ideas, new ideas for peer or mini-mentor (how to address a younger audience)
 - Abi’s group
 - how to get attendance up- have a stable meeting date, plan dates ahead of time, if you don’t come, Abi & Jonathan will talk to you
 - Ghost buster, christmas vacation, back to the future, james bond -- possibly do several movies to attract different audiences
 - Mini-mentor- ask technology teachers where they think the gap is. Jake’s younger brother in 3rd grade isn’t involved w/ social media, so not geared so much w/ online predators
 - WYC has shown R-rated movies, if it’s on the milder side and is critically acclaimed
 - Josiah’s group
 - Many grades don’t pick up their student ID’s
 - Jonathan’s group
 - To bring up attendance, idea of consequences given you signed up for this
 - Movie should revolve around where it’s being held (at the beach, Jaws? Something that has to do with water?) back to the future is seconded
 - Ideas for peer- babysitting company (there’s a magazine sent out that has a list of available babysitters), being better-prepared at Staples (panel for 8th graders?)
 - Nicole’s group
 - In the middle schools too? Marketing it, vineyard vines? The port? Bartaco limited time? Qdoba, chipotle, jersey mike’s, carvel, Gaetano’s
 - Movies: ferris bueller's day off, a comedy (21 jump street but probably not),
 - Peer = 4th graders, how much would they actually use the information and how present is social media in their lives, not everyone has social media, more of a general overview and less specific
 - bullying- K2BK goes to the elementary schools!

8:21pm - Next Meeting Reminder & Adjourn

- Valerie made a motion to adjourn. Brett seconds the motion. Motion passes and carries.