

Westport Youth Commission Meeting
Thursday, January 11th at 7:15pm
Toquet Hall Teen Center

7:21 - Welcome & Approval of the Minutes

- Brett showed up at 7:20:24 p.m.
- Ned made a motion to approve the minutes. Abi seconds the motions. The motion passes unanimously.
- Sereniti's last meeting :(

7:24 - Youth Services Report

- Funds have been release, enhancement grant is now in our account

7:26 - What's Up & Public Input

- New Year's resolution
- Swim team did something
- Midterms coming up!
 - Toquet hall will have study hours
- Contemporary world class is showing Frozen and Wonder Woman here on the 24th to raise awareness for women in the media
- CT Lottery messed up on January 1st -- they forgot 100K tickets
- Acoustic open mic at Toquet on the 19th
- Youth citizens academy with the WPD to learn about law enforcement
- TEAM Westport wants volunteer students to help pass microphones for people to ask questions at their event this Sunday
- For middle schoolers, a craft club just started every Thursday

7:33 - Advocacy Group Reports

- Peer Education & Awareness
 - Advocacy meeting cancelled earlier this week due to the weather. :(
 - T-shirt sizes will be collected and finalized today
 - iMentor will be revised at the next Peer meeting
 - Middle school presentations are February 2 & 9
 - Present to adult mentors on January 24
 - Mini mentor curriculum should be created by mid-March but hopefully sooner to serve as an introduction to the internet, etc
 - Capture a cop will occur in the spring with middle schoolers, potential date for first Friday of June at 3:30
- Town Improvements
 - Talk to DMA and chamber about student discounts
 - Try to get together Student Creation Market
 - Colin says Dan Devito will look into putting in at least one more water fountain

7:50 - Advocacy Group Breakouts

- Q1: How to improve on advertising for events and the commission itself?
 - Nicole
 - Inklings
 - Staples website
 - Word of mouth
 - Job bank... make an activity
 - Get us at club rush!! With Toquet!! Good candy!!
 - Music video
 - Get student assembly to mention applications for next year on the announcements
 - Morning show

- TARGET 8TH GRADES, GFA / other schools
- Phone backs
- We do well with getting the word out to students but we need more adults!
 - Put it on the mothers groups? Broadcast it to NCL?
 - Promote it at a town hall meeting
- Abi
 - Got names of people who might be interesting
 - Good morning staples
- Jonothan
 - Expand Instagram presence
 - Get a snapchat- inklings has one
 - GEOTAGs for the events!!!!!!!!!!
 - Dan Woog's blog - but have an interesting angle like SCM or drive in movie
- Josiah
 - PTA but start early, give a lot of notice
 - Student assembly & morning announcements
- Q2: What is important info to deliver to 3rd and 4th graders?
 - Nicole
 - Toned-down video
 - Memorize your parents' phone numbers, etc.
 - A skit!
 - Abi
 - What you post isn't ever truly deleted
 - Self-confidence, don't accept people you don't know
 - Jonathan
 - Talk to computer teachers at the elementary schools to get input about what we should talk about it
 - Josiah
 - Screen time is different from face-to-face
 - Internet safety- touch on but be careful

TIME - Next Meeting Reminder & Adjourn

- Alejandro made a motion to adjourn. Colin seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.