

Westport Youth Commission Meeting
Thursday, February 8th at 7:15pm
Town Hall Room 201/201A

7:19 - Welcome & Approval of the Minutes

- Colin makes a motion to approve the minutes. Abi seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

7:20 - Youth Services Report

- Grant came in, we're in good shape!

7:21 - What's Up & Public Input

- Swim team is 8-0, going for 10-0
- The Miracle Worker by Staples Players is happening in March
- February break: Eli is going to Jamaica, Jenny's going to China
- Westport Prevention Coalition brought in an expert, Dr. Potee, to speak at Bedford about adolescent brain development and addiction
- Olympics starting soon- there's a Westporter in it
- iMentor day 2 tomorrow- better rehearse
 - Overall went well, possibly film it for people who weren't able to attend

7:30 - Advocacy Group Reports

- Peer Education & Awareness
 - T-shirt sizes in, get final price and bring in money next morning
 - iMentor Mini- need to establish a curriculum then get in details, anecdotes, etc and make the final presentation
 - Get trained for iMentor if you'd like to do mini mentor
 - Biggest difference is the message
 - Real-Talk -- seniors in library answer questions about the financial aid process, very unadvertised, need to work on that
 - Capture-A-Cop is June 1, need to get application in and then people will be assigned roles involving advertising, logistic, etc
 - Try to make it bigger next year
 - Application for WYC just came out, spread the word!!!! To adults and students!
 - We have lots of seats to fill!
 - Due date April 8
 - Bacharach
- Town Improvements
 - Student discounts- DMA responded and we will try to set up a meeting to talk about the student discount program and see if there is value to keeping it up
 - Student creation market- hoping to do it the weekend of June 9-10
 - Need to figure out which businesses are still around or were recently established
 - Trying to secure Bedford Square
 - Drive-in movie- around end of April, waiting for application to go through and later we will assign specific roles to members
- March becomes a very important month

7:42 - Advocacy Group Breakouts

- Is it valuable to do the real-talk college panel and what should people discuss?
 - Nicole
 - Valuable but not advertised well enough

- Talk about financial aid, well-rounded panel (sports, military, arts), when to start looking and planning, experience with hearing back, how many schools, writing follow-up emails, importance in trying to visit or demonstrate interest
- Josiah
 - Change up time of real-talk -- during lunch, people won't be as willing to come, do it during an extended period, courtyard?
- Abi
 - Very valuable, need to advertise more, seniors who present shouldn't be confined to the youth commission so we can get more perspectives, pre-professional vs. liberal arts, gap year / international, course selection, ACT v. SAT, personal experience
- Jonathan
 - Useful to juniors, marketing is very important, do a venue change? Maybe try to do it outside or in the auditorium, put out food!
- What student-run businesses do you know that we could get for the Student Creation Market?
 - Nicole
 - Emerson (clothes), Killian Jampierre (Fairfield U), Hillary (terrariums), Mia (beads by the water), try to get graduated students' businesses to come back, the 3D printer guys, Cate Casparius (baking business)
 - FOOD BUSINESSES NEED A PERMIT TO SELL
 - Maybe just advertise it
 - Josiah
 - same
 - Abi
 - Designing business, clothing, terrariums
 - Jonathan
 - Businesses last year that we should get back, jewelry

8:01 - Next Meeting Reminder & Adjourn

- Sam makes a motion to adjourn. Brett seconds. Motion passes unanimously.