

Westport Youth Commission Meeting
Thursday, April 19th at 7:15pm
Town Hall Room 201/201A

7:19 - Welcome & Approval of the Minutes

- A few new faces today!
- Not enough people to vote on minutes

7:21 - Youth Services Report

- Toquet is holding a movie night tmrw w/ the Westport Domestic Violence Task Force. The Hunting Ground is a critically-acclaimed documentary on sexual assault on college campuses.
- This weekend is the Maker's Faire. Toquet Hall is part of it. They need volunteers so sign up if you can!
- Upcoming at toquet: Self-esteem workshop -- goal was 15 students and 45 are registered; game night; show broadcast w/ WWPT
- Email going out soon about Bacharach nominations
- Human services does an event with all the different groups

7:23 - What's Up & Public Input

- Senior skip day tomorrow (again)
- Bolt found in muffin at CMS
- May 19 is the Police-Youth collaborative club. Outside stop and shop, take food back to homes with hope. They'll be there 10-3
- AP exams soon, internships starting
- Baseball 5-1. Off to a good start but beat by trumbull yesterday
- One Acts this weekend!
- We the people class at Staples are going to nationals!
- Girl's Water Polo won its first game after losing 16-0
- Another walkout tomorrow at the courtyard

7:29 - Advocacy Group Reports

- Peer
 - Real talk -- Abi will email Mr. Neenan tonight to get real-talk scheduled for sometime next week since it's very busy in terms of APs and finals.
 - Getting it announced by student assembly, maybe on morning show
 - Sarah is good with photoshop and can make a poster!
 - Email / tell teachers you like about the event
 - During a lunchwave
 - Mini-mentor -- still working out logistics
 - Capture-A-Cop -- June 1st. Subcommittee meeting will be held soon to get the event advertised
 - Marketing and awareness -- seniors and executives can review applications and make recommendations to board
 - Take a pic for the youth commission instagram
- Townies
 - Student discounts
 - In terms of getting it back and running, we are contacting our top merchants... still a lot of work to do with that. DMA wants us to make a list of merchants that would be important to target. Working on that.
 - SCM
 - If it's a nice day, we will get lots of foot traffic! David Waldman was very accommodating and it's looking to be a great event. Need to send out application and gather vendors.
 - Drive-in movie

- RIP
- Too much to pull together for May 18 but it would be a great thing to revisit in the fall. We can be more prepared and even though it won't be happening this year, it was very productive to figure everything out

7:42 - Advocacy Group Breakouts

- Parade
 - Nicole -- people may be away, not a lot of enthusiasm about it, but we do need to get more recognition
 - Abi -- unanimous no
 - Josiah -- Officer Batlin will be in the parade anyway, rest of us not too interested
- Vendors for SCM
 - Nicole -- Emerson's clothing business, class of 2017, Hillary w/ terrariums, 3d printing kids, Calvin Carson is part of a quartet and they could perform, Brody's band & sneakers, kid who goes to Hopkins DJs, Cate Bakes, Colin can make skateboards as needed, college stuff
 - Abi -- pebbles and posies, zokai, cate bakes, casey rubin, teas by bri, alex gold makes cookie cakes, H_beads (hannah rosem)
 - Josiah -- Art Kelly's lawn business, could be interesting to have a more practical option / service business.
- New issues on the horizon / planning ahead, anything you think we should be aware of
 - Nicole
 - Drive-in movie, connect w/ westport cinema initiative
 - Attendance is low
 - Make it go with the calendar year and not the school year? Not enough time to settle in?
 - Abi -- a lot of freshmen are doing drugs. Include more community service w/ bacharach
 - Bacharach helps women who were in abusive relationships get away, gives them a safe-house
 - Cyberbullying -- recently an anti bullying thing for sophomore and freshmen. For iMentor, we could record anecdotes of personal stories of bullying to make it more personal!
 - Unhealthy competition
 - Josiah --
- SROs and our thoughts; gaggle
 - Nicole
 - We have security guards but these are different officers
 - Helps with safety, no real thing against them, other schools have them and they work well
 - Abi -- some don't think it will work b/c we have other precautions that help (but those people are not armed)
 - Could work but hard to find someone that every student feels comfortable with since we all have different opinions
 - Josiah -- gaggle
 - Overall a good idea to make things safer
 - Officer Batlin explained well the purpose of the SRO and is able to be there for students
 - Andrew is in the parade as the minuteman!

8:21 - Next Meeting Reminder & Adjourn

- No vote
- Next townies meeting is Thursday 4/26 @ 7:15pm @ Toquet