

**Westport Youth Commission Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 17th at 7:15pm**  
**Town Hall Room 201/201A**

**7:17 p.m. - Welcome & Approval of the Minutes**

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

**7:18 p.m. - Youth Services Report**

- This year's grant was cut and released late. Right now, we have \$1150 in this year's grant to use before the end of June. Hopefully, we can use them towards Capture-A-Cop and SCM. possibly pre-purchase things that can be used towards next year's Dodge-A-Cop. SCM lawn signs. Capture-A-Cop food, snacks, drinks. WYC shirts. Pizza for monthly meetings.
- Valeria makes a motion to adopt the funding of the fund as presented. Sam seconds. The motion passes and carries.

**7:25 p.m. - What's Up & Public Input**

- Chamber orchestra has a concert next Wednesday.
- Brett just showed up smh. And Steven. Smh x 2.
- AP testing almost over, internships are beginning
- Farmer's Market started
- Yanny or Laurel?
- Toquet hall
  - May 18 -- Staples GSA and Westport Library are hosting a drag show.
  - Interview workshop on Monday night
  - Staples Players -- The Children's Hour, opens May 31st!
- Junior prom this weekend!
- Nicole makes a motion to move the June 7th meeting to June 14th. Colin seconds. Motion passes and carries.

**7:34 p.m. - Advocacy Group Reports**

- Peer
  - Mini-Mentor
    - People are leaning towards a PSA vs. a full program
  - Real Talk College Panel
    - Not a huge crowd but good information put out there
    - Next year: Maybe put something on for parents, offer food
      - However, having parents there might prevent students from asking what they truly want to ask
      - Do both?
    - Change date to during internships?
  - Capture-A-Cop
    - June 1st
    - Working on advertisement
      - Hanging up posters around school, sending out emails to PTA
  - Nominating Committee
    - Committee has started meeting to review applications and make recommendations for the executive committee. It is important to meet in June for the annual meeting and have a quorum. If you have a nomination for the exec committee, email them to Kevin, who will put it all together. Get a gluten free cake!
- Townies
  - Student Discounts

- Neal Soni finished designing the feature of the iStaples app that you could use to take a photo of your ID and keep it in your phone to use the discounts. Probably need to talk to AP about it to make sure this is OK.
- Student Creation Market
  - Applications were in and we have chosen the final businesses. There are 12 and we sent acceptances to all of them. We have been talking to David Waldman and his team a lot to figure out logistics.
  - IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP THIS DATE OPEN IN YOUR CALENDAR! WE NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET!
  - DMA mentioned being very excited about the SCM being held downtown!!

### **7:56 - Advocacy Group Breakouts**

- SCM: Lawn sign locations? Acoustic performers?
  - Nicole
    - Lawn sign locations
      - North Avenue & Terhune Rd
      - Imperial Avenue & Jesup Rd
      - Bulkley Ave S and Greens Farms Rd
      - Long Lots Rd & Maple Ave North
    - Acoustic performers
      - Terry Branigan, Aemon Branigan, Matt Cerrito, Clara Holleman
      - Brody
      - Abby Jonas
  - Abi
    - Spicer Rd & Hillspoint Rd
    - Abby Jonas, Chantal, Alisan Porter
  - Josiah
    - Hop on the bandwagon
    - Jimmy Kavetas-- graduate but plays a variety of instruments!
  - Jonathan
    - Put signs around main street
    - Evie Stevens
    - Elana Atlas
- Real-talk: How can we improve it?
  - Nicole
    - Do it in the Courtyard, during internship, with food and drinks
    - Parents idea will not work
  - Abi
    - Do a separate parent and student thing
  - Josiah
    - A student/parent thing is a good idea but maybe with breakouts afterwards to separate them. Have premade questions. Do it at Town Hall. Maybe even make it mandatory considering how many other events are mandatory.
  - Jonathan
    - Guidance should get more involved in terms of advertisement
    - Occur after seniors leave and have it in the courtyard

### **8:13 - Next Meeting Reminder & Adjourn**

- Sam makes a motion adjourn. Brett seconds. Motion passes and carries.