

Westport Youth Commission
Meeting Thursday, September 20th
at 7:15pm Toquet Hall

7:15 Welcome and Introduction:

Ned Batlin makes a motion to waive the reading of last months minutes, seconded by Eddy

Eddie makes a motion to approve last months minutes, seconded by Ned Batlin

7:17 Youth Services Report

- Funding will from the grant under the state budget will be released shortly
- Toquet has many upcoming events

7:19 What's Up

- Staples Homecoming tomorrow versus Brien McMahon
- Players is going well and Mr. Damico came to rehearsal today
- Rowing is going well for all of those involves
- Senior motorcade tomorrow
- October 13 is distracted driving event on Staples football field
- Mold at CMS - very important issue in the town right now
- Traffic at Staples in the Morning
- California passed legislation that schools are not able to start before 8:30

7:33 Peer Education Overview:

- Capture a cop was determined to be a success by Peer Education
- There was a good ratio between kids and police officers, however, the event was predominately attended by boys. Peer would like to see more girls at the event next time
- For next time, promoting awareness is crucial
- The Youth Commission will have a table at the Staples Involvement Fair next Friday (9/30)
- For Student Involvement Fair, have a issue suggestion box at the Youth Commission Table
- September agenda includes: dodge a cop timeline, mini mentor plan, everyone certified in internet safety for iMentor presentation, looking for a date for drug and alcohol awareness day (reached out to Anne Hathaway's management about possibly speaking)
- For mini-mentor presentation, PSA contest in Staples High School to generate material for the presentation
- Monday November 19th is the official date for dodge a cop

7:50 Town Improvements Overview:

- Mini Golf: new group to spearhead this project
- Sleep: group is currently researching sleep issues for the potential of sleep reform
- Drive in movie - ensuring that the project goes to completion this year
- Student Discounts needs to be revamped

- **New Business:** Jake is the president of the Staples Tuition Grant. This is an organization that gives money to graduating seniors that might be in need of financial aid. He proposes that we hold a fundraiser along with the Toque Governing Board for the grant.

Break Out Group Focus Questions:

- 1) How to attract people to events and what are successful marketing strategies:

Posting on parent Facebook groups, Good Morning Staples, Implement Dodge a cop strategies, Dan Woog market events in person, posers around the town and in school, posting on our Facebook walls, advertising WYC events in the Staples Players play bills

- 2) How and What do we want to present at the involvement fair

Good candy, wearing shirts, youth advocacy, fun time with pizza and water, or accomplishments in both past and recent years, mentioning our mini golf project, collecting people's emails to update them about meetings

- 3) Who would like to partake in the drug and alcohol awareness day

Carolyn

- 4) What people think about general meetings at Town Hall versus Toquet

Overall, people like Town Hall over Toquet for the general meetings because it is more formal

8:24 Colin makes a motion to adjourn, Scott seconds, Andrew and Edie abstain