

Westport Youth Commission Meeting
Thursday, February 14th at 7:15pm
Town Hall Room 201/201A

7:20 Welcome and approval of the minutes:

Sarah makes a motion to approve minutes, Rita seconds

7:22: Youth Services Report:

- Youth Services is requesting a small increase this year to move the Program Assistant from part time to full time.
- Budget line items for Toquet
- Board of finance informal workshop was successful and the outlook is positive for youth services
- Governor's budget is due 2/20 which will give us an indication of funding for youth service bureaus and diversion

7:25: What's up:

- Jennie got into NYC
- Brett and others are excited for upcoming break
- GSA has a movie night tomorrow 2/15
- Toquet has a game night 2/16
- Staples Players is working on its upcoming show
- First meeting in second semester
- Toquet milkshake machine is nearly up and running
- GFA snow day announcement video: very comical
- Serina joined the water polo team
- Women's empowerment program for high school girls last week was very successful

7:32: Peer Education & Awareness:

- iMentor presentations were the last two weeks, both presentations went well
 - Suggestion about making an answer sheet for frequently asked questions that the 6th graders could have
- Andrew's breakout group had some interesting and out there questions from the 6th graders
- We can use the feedback and advice from iMentor for miniMentor
- Parents have complained regarding cell phone issues with their children so we could create a training course so that these kids can appropriately use cell phones
- Mental Health and Alcohol Awareness Day: nothing new to report but the program is moving forward
- Bacharach award: applications for the award have gone out to all of the Westport schools as well as private schools with Westport students
- Nominations for next years commission members have been pushed back to after the Student Creation Market because that is an opportunity to promote awareness for possible member

7:45: Town Improvements:

- 3rd annual Student Creation Market is set for June 1st, 2019
- Mini golf: members have gathered research but need to reconvene to collect the information in order to move on in the process

- JSA is set to be the first group to be part of the Westport Youth Connection Series. We are going to host their event sometime mid March
- Possibly getting a recruitment table at the Maker Faire

7:50: State Representatives

- Senator Hwang is officially coming to our March general meeting as a guest
- Will Haskell will be invited to attend our April general meeting
- This is an opportunity to discuss issues with representatives that pertain to the youth of the town: issues include how the legalization of recreational marijuana might impact the youth of the town, school safety, the state budget as it pertains to youth, etc

7:55: Breakout Groups:

- **What issues would you like to discuss with your state representatives?**

Possible discussions on tolls, Saugatuck redevelopment, winter power outages, vaping and juuling issues with youth as well as drugs, school safety and SROs, education and economic gap disparities between towns, environmental issues

Would you want to run this project? Ideas about movies and implementation?

- Would like to see the program be implemented in early summer
- Possibly using school fields such as Long Lots or Bedford
- Hopefully we could get it at the Levitt since we have an in

8:18: Goldberg makes a motion to adjourn, Scott seconds