

Westport Youth Commission Meeting
Thursday, March 21th at 7:15pm
Town Hall Room 201/201A

7:15 Welcome and Approval of the Minutes:

Andrew make motion to approve the minutes, Abe seconds, motion passed unanimously

7:18 What's Up:

- Westport Public School staff has been leaving the district which has prompted a high degree of concern among everyone
- Curtains, the Staples Players play, began last weekend and will continue into this weekend
- One Acts auditions begin next Wednesday
- Jenny and her fellow rowers are angered by the college scandals that recently made the news
- RTM Member Andrew Colabella: Ordinance on single use plastics is making its way through the town government, and there will be a town wide presentation on April 2, as well as time for public input and a vote on the ordinance on that day.
- Another ban on styrofoam is also making its way through the RTM

7:38 Youth Services Report:

- Amount in the grant for youth services has stayed the same from last year
- Training for students in youth mental health first aid has been opened up to the WYC and TAG
- Another training for adults to youth regarding mental health will follow

7:42 Peer Education and Awareness:

- Peer has been working on scheduling and creating an itinerary for MDADD
- Real Talk: senior are preparing to leave so the even will need to take place soon
 - Would like to move the even to a high traffic location within the school for increased participation in the event
 - Creating a google survey with questions that can be sent out to returning Staples Students to address their questions prior to the event
- Mini Mentor: going to address this topic in the next few months once peer gets through some of their events

7:52 Discussion with Senator Hwang:

- Discuss iMentor with Senator Hwang
- Senator Hwang came here tonight to look to learn from the commission
- To bring Hartford/state government to WYC
- To address and discuss issues such as sports gambling
- Discuss the WYC, our all around function, and our programs
 - Dodge a Cop and Capture a Cop to foster youth-police connections
 - MDADD, Senator Hwang discusses a bill to raise the age for vaping to 21
 - This leads to a discussion regarding common sense legislating as well as creating a better environment of political discourse

- Senator Hwang proposes an idea to discuss building a mini golf course in partnership with the Downtown Merchants Association and use it to drive business downtown
- Discuss banning of single use plastics and styrofoam
- Discuss college sports and paying college athletes

8:57 Town Improvements

- Student Creation Market is underway
- Mini golf has met once again and came out with a public input survey to send out
- WYCs is looking to set its first date for the program

9:00 Eddie makes a motion to adjourn Brett seconds, motion passes unanimously