

Westport Youth Commission
General Meeting
November 19, 2020

7:16 PM Kevin begins, welcomes everyone, reminder to say their name before they speak

7:17 PM Sarah begins, approving minutes

7:17 PM Abe makes a motion to approve the minutes

7:18 PM Rita seconds the motion
Unanimous approval

7:18 PM What's up

- Another COVID spike at school
- Players are having another show this weekend
- Westport Together did a program on Thanksgiving, ways to celebrate safely
- World Hello Day is coming up, "Have a bad day" day

7:26 PM Youth Services Report

- Westport Together, programs for youth coming up
- Westport Prevention Coalition will be sponsoring groups about substance abuse, launching a survey this winter
- Toquet Hall - Hoping to re-open in person when it is safe to do so. Virtual programs are still occurring, however.

7:29 PM Advocacy Group Review (Peer)

Dodge-a-cop

- Finding a program to replace dodge-a-cop, looking for virtual options, maybe a Kahoot with teams. Recently had a working meeting where those involved are looking to reserve the Jesup Green to maybe have it socially distanced?
 - Need to fill out a short application to get Town approval (like Capture-A-Cop in the past)

IMentor/Mini-mentor

- The list of topics is done, need to make scripts for short videos at a working meeting next week

Real Talk

- Nothing new has occurred

7:36 PM Advocacy Group Review (Town)

Student Discounts

- Trying to get an email to downtown merchants
- Contacted businesses and made a list to gauge interest
- Some stores are not in the financial position to join student discounts quite yet

Mini Golf

- Introduced the topic, consolidated key info, had everyone review a certain resource (presentation, proposal, etc.). Will do necessary research to fill in gaps and modernize for our next meeting

Open Campus

- Open campus group has a draft of a proposal to present to Mr. Thomas
- Need people to look at the updated proposal and add suggestions

Student Creation Market

- Nothing has changed, far in the future, but brainstorm businesses!

7:42 PM Needs Assessment Survey

- Shared with Elaine/Jim Marpe
- Valerie is taking a look at the suggestions and will add the minor tweaks so the survey is ready to go
 - Is there a way to rank order? (importance) We do not want too many questions to make those taking the survey not interested
 - Need to be advertising the program
- Once the final version is ready, start with the distribution plan made by Abe and sending it through the different channels (superfans, Westport front porch)
 - Everyone has to get signed up for a different distribution method (spreadsheet)
 - Multiple posts for things like Facebook or blog posts
- Reserve space on westport.gov? Yes!
- Advertise and send the survey out, collect responses
- Make sure to keep an eye out, share the survey with friends

Suggestions for contacts?

- 06880, staples library, Ashley, and the police department, Kevin has a contact list of those that work with kids around town, houses of worship, etc.

The next meeting is on December 17th

8:02 PM Alex Laskin makes a motion to adjourn

8:02 PM Eli Kogan seconds the motion to adjourn

(Unanimous approval)