

Westport Youth Commission
January General Meeting
January 21, 2021

7:17 PM Kevin welcomes everyone, gives a reminder about the meeting being recorded.

7:18 PM Sarah begins the agenda. New faces, so everyone will give introductions.

7:25 PM Lily makes a motion to approve the minutes

7:25 PM Eli seconds the motion

Everyone supports the motion

7:26 PM What's up?

- Second-semester seniors
- A new president/VP in the white house.
- School sports are beginning. Squash!
- Players are doing four new shows
- Students might be able to all go back in-person?

7:30 PM Kevin gives youth services report

- The Prevention Coalition is working on surveying students. 2-year cycle, switching to a survey by the SEARCH institute.
- Toquet hall is doing virtual events - dungeons and dragons dungeon master programming with the Library and more campaigns.

7:34 PM

Peer Education and Awareness

- Dodge-a-cop was not able to happen this year, trying to find a replacement for the program. Could do an in-person event in the spring?.
- Mini-Mentor program. Not affected by COVID as much, a panel of WYC members speaking to middle school students about online safety.
 - Presentation outlining the process for the creation of the project
 - What would the top topic choices be?
 - Maybe base them off of parenting articles/research?
 - Securing the permission of the school to gain permission to do the presentation is imperative before going through this process.
 - Using a presentation/video to show the elementary school how beneficial the program has been at the middle school could be a compelling point that can allow the program to proceed.

8:00 PM Bacharach award that is given to a graduating Westport senior for their service.

Application will be out soon.

8:03 PM

Town Improvements

- Student Discounts: Confirmed with a couple of restaurants that they are still participating in the program.
- Open Campus: Made lots of progress, created a presentation to bring to Mr. Thomas at a zoom meeting tomorrow to ask for his support. Once the board of ed sees it and approves it, potentially allow the upcoming seniors to test it to see if it works.

- Mini Golf: Gave background on the subject, meeting with Jen Fava and Rick Giunta, to pitch the idea
- Student Creation Market: Described the event, keep student businesses in mind

8:27 PM Needs Assessment Survey

- 113 responses- sent the raw data to Adam and Valerie, see what the trends are.
- Concerns about mental health (isolation), substance abuse, activity options, people not taking the pandemic seriously.
- Allow us to act on the needs to be addressed.

8:33 PM Valerie makes the motion to adjourn the meeting

8:33 PM Rachel seconds the motion

All in favor, Lily Weisz abstains