

Westport Youth Commission
General Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2021

7:20 PM Kevin begins the meeting

7:21 PM Approval of the minutes

7:21 PM Lily makes a motion to approve the minutes

7:21 PM Rita seconds the motion

Approved unanimously

7:22 PM What's up

- April break is right around the corner
- Asynchronous day tomorrow
- Players is doing a show in person, small cast, in the auditorium
- Senior prom (without dancing) and senior picnic

7:29 PM Youth Services Report

- Toquet hall and the library are continuing their partnership to do a Dungeons and Dragons 101
- Hoping to be able to reopen by the end of the month, new furniture and couches, new COVID infrastructure being implemented. Start with after school programs in the mental health space, such as a facilitated "Let's Talk" group. Also a new 6-8 week mind body program.
- Zoom presentation called "adolescent mental health 2021" for parents on May 12 at 6:30 (zoom webinar).
- Communication programs (Westport Together), substance abuse awareness programs.
- Model a new freshman forum program from other districts

7:42 PM Advocacy Group Overviews

Peer Awareness

Spring Games with the Police

- Cornhole tournament on Jesup Green, supposed to take place at 3 PM
- Easy to manage in a COVID environment. Probably not the same numbers as in dodge-a-cop, but 40-50 kids is definitely a win.
- 27 feet length for cornhole, COVID protocols have a certain width
- How will we get the cornhole boards? Purchase.
- Could either rent/purchase equipment
- If this event is a success, this event could be an alternative for middle school kids during the spring
- Outreach to other schools outside of staples?

iMentor/Mini Mentor

- Get people together to record the presentation after the first week of break, would like as many people as possible to sign up for that
- Real talk presentations usually happen around May. Need students from a vast array of backgrounds to do the event (seniors talk to lower classmen about the process of applying to college/different options about the future)

7:53 PM Bacharach Award and 2021-2022 Member Application

- 8 applications so far, about a month to still nominate people for the Bacharach Award.
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7:54 PM Town Improvements

- Mini Golf, Student Creation Market, Student Discounts, Open Campus

8:07 PM Needs Assessment Survey

- Making a presentation for Elaine

8:11 PM Alex Laskin makes a motion to adjourn the meeting

Piper Seconds the motion

****Everyone Supports the motion except for Lily Weisz, who abstains****