

### Westport Youth Commission February 2022 Minutes

- What's Up
  - Removal of school mask mandate Feb 28 after break
    - Discussion of mask wearing vs. not mask wearing, COVID mutations
  - Players' Descendants tickets released in March 12
  - Julia Marino from Westport won silver in snowboarding
  
- Youth Services Report
  - Kevin says it is budget season, board of finance budget workshop on Tuesday night, it went well. They're always very supportive of the work of Human Services
  - Westport Together and Westport Prevention Coalition are presenting an alcohol round table
  - Westport Father's Forums are going well
  - Screening at the Library (presented by the Westport Prevention Coalition) for movie Don't Wait, for parents about discussion of drugs with children, will have discussion groups.
  - Dr. Diaz and Dr. Morgan to talk about emotional wellness in 2022, March, in library
  - April 13, Gender Identity 101, at Library
  - MADD Power of Parents, in April 25, at Library, about alcohol
  - Yale Sleep and mood disorder program about role of tech and sleep cycles, possibly in May or to start the 2022-2023 school year in September
    - Kevin says these are targeted at parents
  - Will also have Senior Health Day at Staples, showing movie If We Would've Known
    - Moderating viewing program with students and follow up with parents
  - Angelica says we just partnered with MoCA Teen Board and Up Next for the Winter Lights Festival
  - Will be partnering with Lighthouse Stamford from Kids In Crisis and Staples Pride for creating Pride events at Toquet, and LiveGirl will be working at Staples.
  - We met with TEAM Staples to contact Latinx Club to give it space at Toquet
  - Reaching out to School of Rock Fairfield
  
- Peer Education
  - iMentor coming up for Bedford
    - miniMentor right after this meeting, the town is asking for it, we have to get it done
  - Caroline says dodge-a-cop in the fall was a success
  - Caroline discusses corn-a-cop from spring, need to figure out logistics
    - Valerie asks about how attractive cornhole is for middle schoolers
      - Caroline says a slightly less attractive event will be less aggressive
      - Adam says we should get Good Humor truck
      - The action item is to confirm the dates, have separate brackets for high schoolers and middle schoolers.

- Town
  - Skatepark
    - Valerie says they are enthusiastic, looking for opportunity to see the skatepark and the issues it has with parks and rec
    - Kevin put out a doodle poll for available meeting times
  - Student Creation Market
    - Alex says anyone who has a student business, contact them
  - Student Discounts
    - Alex says this youth commission has not worked on much
  - Spikeball
    - Shifting away from police-youth, making it an event with food trucks, middle and high schoolers. Thinking of making a subcommittee, don't want it to be a May event
  - New Initiatives
    - Met with Friends of Team Westport, Team Staples, to help create community for students of color, how to give clubs, like Latinx Club, a platform for growth
    - Toquet Hall is the goal platform to facilitate the club to direct its own growth
    - Angelica also brings up uplifting artists of color for creation market, but also making sure that it would not tokenize the artists
    - Committee Connections
    - Alex says how Kevin says members of committee should have a group of people to hold members who don't show up as accountable
  - Mini-Golf Will be discussed after
- New Business
  - Mini-Mentor
    - Adam acknowledges past work on mini-mentor
    - Adam says we have very little work done, Adam discusses from goal backwards
      - Three Videos: Digital Citizenship, Cyberbullying, Screentime
    - Det. DeVecchio says would include it with 45 min meeting, then would have discussion after
    - 3 scripts need to be written
      - Roughly 3-5 min each video
      - Production, where, who, when, what materials, professionalism
      - Process, how will it all work?
    - We may have to film a pilot to see conceptual design, then it has to be approved
      - Process people will have to do approvals

Writers

Screentime

Karena

Alex

Jared

Jet

Cyberbullying

Taylor

Katie

Digital Citizenship

Cooper

Lilly

Alex Laskin

Derek  
Karena  
Caroline  
Katie  
Lilly  
Taylor

Caroline makes a motion to end the meeting  
Alex seconds  
The ayes have it