

Westport Youth Commission
February 12, 2015
Update: Room 307/309
7:15pm-8:30pm

7:15pm – 7:20pm Approval of the minutes

Kyle began the meeting at 7:16. Olivia made a motion to approve the minutes. Everyone approved.

7:20pm – 7:40pm What's Up/ Public Input

Yik Yak is back amongst Westport Youth. Over the last week it has been more common. Much less malicious than last year. O'Hara brought up how it has potential for being hurtful and the commission acknowledged it. Power with anonymity.

Post online for what we want downtown. This weekend is the last time to post. Trying to ask Melissa Kane to come to one of our meetings.

Talking about vacations, junior prom, TV shows.

Toquet has a performer from Nashville coming to Toquet. Opened for Ed Sheeran. Staples is having a student show at Toquet. Comedy show coming up, March 6.

7:40pm – 7:50pm Advocacy Group Report

a. Peer Education and Awareness

- a. iMentor – Feb. 24 12:00 at Bedford It's going to be great. Bedford
- b. Field Day preparations. Discussing legality and logistics at our next meeting and then going to invite town attorney to discuss the legal aspect of Field Day. Want to have a well-thought out plan for the day before we approach principals and SHS teams.
- c. Ms. O'Hara mentioned an event at the playhouse about a town event for children with free ice cream.
- d. Get out and play advocacy – nickelodeon, NFL Play60, branding?
- e. Going to call parks & rec to figure out when we can get field time.
- f. Finishing table for next advocacy meeting. Going to look at town calendar for events that our presence would be useful and beneficial.

b. Town improvements

- a. Finalizing the sticker that will go in the window of businesses. It looks great!
- b. Having some trouble with the Downtown Merchants Association in the student discount area, so the committee is going to strategize about how to propose it, and the time frame from which the discounts will be applicable. Deadlines and time frames drive people downtown.
- c. There are student discounts but they're open all the time so students don't know about them. We are going to ask stores about their slowest times so we can accommodate them as well.
- d. Tweeting – there hasn't been a tweet since Dodge-a-Cop! Need to make more of a presence on social media

7:50pm – 8:10pm Collaboration Time Break Out (4 Groups)

All groups discussed Field Day logistics:

- We are going to pick a date to ask parks and rec for field time.
- We think it is going to be an outside event.
- Olivia and Jane are going to have a meeting with town attorney
- Discussed the fact that as a government entity the Westport youth commission falls under the town insurance for events we run
- Discussed the possibility that kids with special needs would come to the Field Day and how we can accommodate them and their needs and make their participation equal to other kids.
- Possible fields that could be a great setting for the program. Maybe Compo?

8:10pm – 8:20pm Advocacy Group Break Out