

Westport Youth Commission Meeting
Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 7:15pm
Room 201/201A

I. 7:15pm-7:20pm: Approval of the Minutes

- Everyone approved the minutes.

II. 7:20pm-7:30pm: What's Up/ Public Input

- We presented our check from Dodge-a-Cop and Spike-a-Cop to Homes with Hope charity.
- Junior prom was great.
- Boys volleyball has FCIACS next week, as does Track.
- Staples players present The Laramie Project on May 28. Not one main character, a bunch of small characters that fit together to tell the story.
- AP Assassination is intense. Not as many kids did it this year because of the effort it requires.

III. 7:30pm-7:45pm: Advocacy Group Report

a. Peer Education & Awareness

- Spike-a-Cop
- 3 teams. It was a lot of fun.
- Timing wasn't great. Not only hard for juniors because of finals, SATs, ACTs, the seniors are checked out and also still have to do their finals.
- A Sunday afternoon could have been better.
- Sign-ups weren't as productive this year. There was a buzz going on Thursday, but a table wasn't up on Friday. We could have had more people sign up.
- Advertisements said we would be there two weeks before, but it was just too busy.
- People were much more passionate about Dodge-a-Cop. It's more convenient
- Why not an electronic sign up for Spike-a-Cop? Or go through the sports teams. Do it at the end of a practice.
- People were disappointed with the way that Spike-a-Cop was executed.
- If we're going to commit, we have to go all the way. There can't be any more excuses.
- People didn't sign up at all, which was inexcusable.

- Used to be a lot of cross over in membership with TAG and WYC. Might be smart to involve TAG kids, because they are already hanging around where we set up our table.
- Underlying goal is to have interaction between cops and kids. It was worthwhile, but we all need to dedicate our time in order to fulfill this goal.
- Weekends are difficult for events, especially in the springtime. Maybe basketball – Dunk-a-Cop. Put a cop on every Recreational basketball team. That would get a lot of hype from the student body.
- We have to learn how to sell the events that we are supporting.
- TAG wasn't involved in having people at the table. They essentially just put their name on the event.
- Could possibly have a middle school event or a high school event.
- Capture the flag event.

b. Town Improvements

- The town improvements advocacy group unfortunately didn't have a meeting in between our last two meetings but will get back to working on the student discount cards.

IV. 7:45pm-8:15pm: Collaboration Time Break Out (3 Groups)

Group 1:

- Dunk-a-Cop and capture the flag are great ideas.
- So much hype about REC basketball. It could be a great opportunity to get people involved.

Group 2:

- SBAC Test. Lots of people are opting out.
- Westport Police Youth Collaborative having more of a presence in these events. WYC more just advocating.

Group 3:

- Commitment to the event is necessary. Need to foster a buzz around school.
- Thinking April would be a better time frame to have.
- Winners of Dodge-a-Cop get free entry into next WPYC event.
- Sakura gift card in Dodge-a-Cop was good incentive. Good prizes will incentivize people.
- \$5.00 per person. No \$20 deal.