

Westport Youth Commission General Meeting

January 21st, 2016

Room 201/201A

7:15pm

7:15 pm-7:20 pm Motion to Approve the Minutes

- Christina made motion to approve the minutes

7:20 pm-7:40 What's Up

- Risky behavior panel with parent relationships
- Counties and Red and Whites this weekend, may be affected by snow
- Superbowl coming up with the halftime performed by Beyoncé and Coldplay

7:40-7:50 pm Advocacy Group Reports

Peer Education

- Initiative for group proposal to be written for puppy palooza during AP week
- Plan to partner with the Staples resilience project which aims to reduce stress
- Plan to create an informal college panel program for the seniors to discuss the college process with juniors
- Potentially manage an electronic website to transition to the next year's panel and make available on Youtube
- Online ability to submit questions is an idea for the panel
- I-MiniMentor location potentially at Toquet for more of a casual setting
- On February 2nd, IMentor presentation at Bedford
- January 26th IMentor Prep meeting after school

Town Improvements

- Student discount program so far has about 30 restaurants and the program is live now
- Instagram account WYC student discounts and stores say people have already been active in using their IDs
- Article in Inklings released on Feb. 5th, Good Morning Staples Morning Show clip on Feb. 4th, Program officially launching on Feb. 5th
- In the midst of contacting stores by phone to get more business on board
- Website will be launched on February 4th with the target audience being people potentially interested in the WYC, made the language of the website more active, What do we want to see on the website? Pictures of commission members? Way to check traffic on the website?

- This program has been on the table for 8 years and now it's finally getting launched
- Town Improvements rocks!
- Middle school PTA parents asked if the program would eventually be open to middle schoolers
- Still discussing a spring concert/festival event

Advocacy Group Breakout 7:50 pm-8:20

- Officer Batlan thinks there should be pictures of members and pictures of events
- Fritz thinks we should have a tab that has photos of events and links to press
- Officer Batlan wants an events calendar
- Rita says we need to figure out a catalyst similar to Matthew Mandell for the spring concert/festival
- Fritz and Christina think the puppy palooza will be crowded and potentially unrealistic, we need to talk to the school about the program before we go further
- Christina would love to have the kittens in addition to puppies, but could potentially be an issue with allergies
- Could potentially be controversial because not everyone takes Aps, maybe better during finals week
- Officer Batlan asks why wouldn't we do this for finals and not AP exams
- AP exams will only be one exam a day
- Reece thinks there definitely is a need for IMiniMentor because many members personally know younger kids that are establishing inappropriate practices with social media and advising on social media and self-esteem
- Kyle thinks there should be a members tab on the website
- New projects for Town Improvements should be Teenflix and the cinema initiative—Teenflix is a movie showed at the Levitt during summer nights to promote a drug free but fun event and the Cinema Initiative is a program to create a movie theater in Westport
- AP week puppies can be viewed as test program for finals week

New Business

- Need to formalize the requirements of being a member of the commission
- Starting next meeting, two levels of participation: first level of general meeting must attend two out of every three meetings and second level measure participation by semester: need to participate in at least one event, initiative, program each semester which will rely on executive members and committee chairs

- If member doesn't participate, will get a call from the adults and be given opportunity to explain lack of commitment, next level of punishment is probation, next level asked to leave the commission
- New draft of bylaws will be presented at the next general meeting
- Kevin believes email should remain core means of communication
- **Motion to Adjourn 8:24 p.m.**