

**Westport Youth Commission General Meeting**  
**March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**Room 309**  
**7:15-8:30 pm**

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**7:20 pm-7:35 What's Up**

- Staples Hockey going to the finals, game at 10 am on Saturday
- Senior skip day 3/17 but barely any seniors are skipping
- If you are 17 years or older you can sign up to donate blood for the Key Club and Safe Rides blood drive on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Certain requirements exist for who is eligible to donate.
- Players Drowsy Chaperon Spring Mainstage had their opening week last weekend and ends this Saturday
- Senior internships in less than 2 months
- Saferides is accepting board applications for next year's student board
- St. Patrick's day! Until this year it was a paid holiday
- Snow storm may be coming on Monday
- Baccarac award will be open for applications soon
- Done to Death Players studio at Toquet was a success
- Spring sports begin next week
- Westport crane was taken down
- First weekend of April Stand up to Cancer club event and School of Rock annual house band Rock Off April 9<sup>th</sup> among various other events at Toquet in the upcoming months
- Mr. D'Amico is announce to be the new full-time principal at Staples
- March Madness began today Purdue lost Baylor lost Yale won Little Rock won
- \$500 from WPAL donated to Dodge A Cop Middle School,

**7:27 pm- Motion to Amend the Minutes**

- Change Kyle suggested Dodge-A-Cop in March for middle schoolers to "A subcommittee" and eliminate "during school hours"

**7:28 pm Motion to Approve the Minutes**

- Officer Batlan made motion to approve and Jane seconded the motion

**7:35-8:00:pm Advocacy Group Reports**

**Peer Education**

- Middle School Dodge A Cop: April 6<sup>th</sup> registration begins at 5:30 with a 16 team cap, funds will go towards Adam Greenly for heart difibulators and some funds for the commission

- Everyone on the Commission will need to attend and support the middle school event
- Proposition to partner with National Honors Society as a service requirement for members if they volunteer at the middle school Dodge A Cop
- Tasks delegated: Sophia and Kait are emailing Bedford and Coleytown to promote the event on TV morning announcements and newspapers, Gabe will put up flyers in Coleytown, Emily and Jane will put up flyers in Bedford, Kay will gather the dodge balls
- College Panel will occur in the library on a Tuesday in April during all three lunch waves as an opportunity for students to ask about the college process
- Puppy Palooza: Will be able to get puppies from local shelters and need to get approval from guidance and the school. Next step: logistics and planning for the actual date.

### **Town Improvements**

- Good Morning Staples show promotion for the Student ID discount program aired last week, will be put on youth commission website and the Chamber of Commerce website, potentially on PTA website
- Next steps are a survey to get feedback, whether they would recommend, continue going to business that are not yet participating to expand, expand to other schools, considering opening to Fairfield and younger kids
- Gabe says that a teach asked if the program expanded to teachers
- Considering put an emblem or logo on the actual student IDs for next year and talk to the administration before next year about implementing this, promote on morning show before next year
- Potential youth commission tagline
- Fundraising: Objective of the funds is to pay for website, pizza, dodge a cop and fund future projects. In the past biggest expenses have been Dodge a Cop and Teenflix
- Working on reestablishing Teenflix led by Lilly: Targeting for May 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>. Want to hold at the beach with food trucks. Library wants to hold the rain date for the event. Sono Baking Company wants to stay open later and have more evening activities, potential mini teenflix at this location. Potential discount at Joey's for attendees of the movie.
- Lilly and Josiah in charge of organizing youth activities at Sono Baking Company and Neat
- Lilly aired a clip promoting applications for the Westport Youth Commission on the Coleytown Morning Announcements

### **Advocacy Group Breakout 8:00 pm-8:20**

- Subjects for discussion: dodge a cop sign up ideas, puppy palooza, fundraising ideas, slogan ideas, directions for Student ID discounts
- Dodge a Cop Sign Ups: Lilly suggests putting a sign up booth after school at the front tool or near the buses, commission members could set a

booth during lunch waves. Steven suggested speaking the team leaders about promoting the event. Lilly suggests a CTV clip.

- Slogan Ideas: Lilly thinks we should get bumper stickers, Steven suggests "Making Westport Great Again" Officer Batlan suggests "Proud tradition, bright future"
- Student ID discount next steps: Steven thinks that middle school would be hard to extend to because they don't have student IDs in middle school. Officer Batlan agrees with the proposed ideas
- Reece's group: Gabe thinks we should get a teacher rep from Bedford to hold sign ups during lunch waves and give parent email for confirmation. Christina thinks we should contact homeroom teachers. Teenflix: Potentially open mic night or karaoke and comedy at Sono or Sono study sessions in the evenings and after school. Slogan: Christina "WYC making Westport what you want it to be"
- Kyle's group: Dodge a cop: email parents, does their need to be a permission slip? Mentioning during homerooms. Puppy Palooza: To make sure to prevent biting incidents we need to inform students and provide dog toys. Location should be on tile or outdoor not carpet. Guidance hallway could be a potential location confined with gates. The courtyard or outside the auditorium. The college and career center. How many dogs are we expecting? Limit to the number of kids that can see the dogs? How long will it last? Fundraising: Gaming tournament where kids have to pay to internet. Bake sales in school but also out of town, potential hot chocolate sales or snow cones and lemonade.

**Motion to Adjourn 8:28 p.m.**

- Christina made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Officer Batlan