

Westport Youth Commission General Meeting
August 25th, 2016
Room 201A
7:15-8:30 pm

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- Renee welcomes everyone to WYC
- Everyone goes around introducing themselves, position and year

7:20 pm-7:30 By-Laws & Advocacy Group Updates

- By-Law Review
 - Participation includes attending meetings as well as working on projects
 - May not miss two consecutive meetings
 - Members are allowed to hold individuals accountable for their participation
- Town Improvements past projects:
 - Student discount program
 - New App that needs to be run
- T-Shirts, everyone would pay up to \$15 in order to buy WYC projects for all our events
- Peer Education and Awareness:
 - Projects with TAG (Westport Police-Youth Collaborative)
 - Dodge-A-Cop
 - I-Mentor
 - Real Talk

7:30 pm-7:45 What's Up & Public Input

- Fritz talks about how the back to school issue of Inklings will be ready Sept. 1st
- Citizens police academy and junior police academy coming up
- Blues, Views and Barbeques coming up
- Toquet Hall is going to try to enhance the space, and is in the process of fundraising
 - Improving the snack bar
 - Sound proofing
 - Signage to help people locate the venue
- Toquet Hall will be at upcoming events: Blues Views and Barbeques (Labor Day Weekend) as well as Slice of Saugatuck (September 10th)
 - Going to have a table at all the events to promote both Toquet Hall and WYC
- Tryouts for sports
 - Soccer tryouts sound hard
 - Cross Country and swim tryouts
- Staples player tech crew needs members
- Mr. D'Amico starting as principal
- New student outreach counselor, Ed Milton

7:45pm-8:10pm Advocacy Group Brainstorming/New initiatives

- New businesses, west, allegra, organica, embody, green and tonic, asf, olympia, shake shack, joyride, soul cycle, sakura, matsu sushi, Carvel, Top this, Angelinas, Barnes and Nobles, Julians, Star palace, Azena, Gaetano's, Brandy Melville, ASF, Davids tea, Urban outfitters, Sunny daes
- Issues:
 - Elementary:
 - I-mentor mini,
 - education on bullying
 - Middle:
 - High schoolers should come in and talk about classes and clubs before they make their schedule choices.

- Stress and organization courses
- Reteaching DARE
- Possibly organize sport signups for the middle schools
- Possibly a student help line, online, for students who have just started high school
- High School:
 - Club Rush, possibly advertise clubs in a bigger way than club rush, advertise to the entire town?
 - Stress
 - Therapy dogs during exam times
- Downtown in general:
 - More signage for stores
 - Playground in Winslow
 - More stores that kids can shop in
 - Basketball court
 - Sono staying open late
- Building awareness:
 - Creating a sticker the size of student ID's to promote Student Discounts, bumper sticker

8:25 pm Advocacy Groups Split Up

Motion to adjourn 8:32 p.m.

- Rita made a motion to adjourn. Fritz seconded the motion.