

Windsor Youth Commission

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

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Attendance: Pam Cook, Sarah Maffiolini, Shanee Ransom, Shannon Blenis, Russell Sills, Beverly Gayle, Alex Remy, Melissa Richards.

1. Call to order at 6:35 pm
2. Chairperson's remarks: Bruce was not in attendance, but Sarah shared welcoming remarks with the Commission.
3. Approve September 2021 meeting minutes: Approved, Russell Sills, 2nd Pam Cook
4. Updates on commission members, vacancies, and recruitment: Introductions for every member in attendance. Russell Sills will finish his term with the WYC at the end of January and will not be returning. There are currently three vacancies.
5. LPC report: Virtual Mask the Stash was held with over 30 participants. This was a partnership with Windsor Locks. Vaping prevention was held during Red Ribbon Week and Night of 1001 Pumpkins.
6. Public comment: N/A
7. New business –
 - a) Kindness Project with WHS – WHS and YSB creating a kindness note project to boost morale at WHS. This is student-led and will have a kindness bulletin board. This project is intended to foster a positive environment at WHS.
 - b) Student survey: Sarah reported that the last school survey was in 2017 and encouraged us to do a survey every four years to follow the trends. As of now, there are no plans to provide this survey. Sarah is working with the BOE Social-Emotional Director on this topic.
 - c) Generation Vape: From Mods to Pods 2/1/22: this is a partnership with Windsor Locks, and there are currently 25 people registered.
 - d) American Rescue Plan Act and youth: Sarah reported there are talks for the YSB to gain a full-time clinician to assist youth and teens in areas of substance abuse, JRB, and more. WPS has greenlighted a full-time clinician at WHS to assist students in need. This is a very positive step taken by the BOE. Renovation to Millbrook Clubhouse has also been proposed to renovate Millbrook into a Community Hub.
 - e) Review Youth Commission survey: a short survey was sent out to the Youth Commission polling commissioners about topics for the YC to focus on; the top 4 issues were;

Family relationships, Emotional Health, Covid 19, and Basic Needs. Youth commissioners prefer to meet via zoom and most like the last Tuesday of each month.

8. Old business –

a) Hidden in Plain Sight Presentation 10/26/2: this was a partnership with Windsor Locks; there were 25 that attended the virtual event.

b) Annual Youth Summit – Alex & Sarah: The annual Youth Summit has been canceled due to Covid – 19 for the past two years. Alex and Sarah modified the Youth Summit this year to run the event. There will be 2 small Youth Summits instead of one large one. March 26 from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm and April 23 from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. Both sessions will have 30 students with two breakout sessions each. The top 3 topics surveyed by high school students are Financial Literacy, Mental Health and College. This Summit is for students ages 13 – 18. The Youth Commissioners were invited to attend the Summit.

9. Standing Committee Reports –

a) Police Department: N/A

b) Recreation Services: Youth Swim Lessons will start on January 29 at WHS. February 28 is the first day to register for Summer Fun Camps. Windsor Recreation and Leisure Services released their annual survey this evening for all patrons who use our services, take our classes, and participate in special events.

c) Windsor Public Schools: N/A

d) Board of Education: N/A

e) Library Services: Alex reported the teen use of the Library has been very slow. Alex will be moving to the Children's area of the Library, and there is a hold on replacing the Teen Librarian until it picks up.

f) Youth Services: JRB met twice with 7 cases involving school fighting. The YSB circle groups will begin in February and run for eight weeks. Sarah became a trained in how to teach for administering Narcan. She advocates for Narcan to be available in first aid kits all around the Town of Windsor. She is planning on training town staff on how to use Narcan.

a. Sarah will be out for the February Youth Commission Meeting due to surgery.

g) Youth Liaison

10. Adjournment: Approved Pam Cook, second Russell Sills at 7:13 pm.