

## Windsor Youth Commission

Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

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1. Call to order: Bob Gange called to order at 6:34 p.m.
  - In attendance: were Bruce McCormick, Sarah Maffiolini, Beverly Gayle, Shannon Blenis, Officer Johnson, Pam Cook, Robert Gange, Taisha Serrano, Shane Ransom, Cailey Klasson, and Melissa Richards.

2. Chairperson's remarks – Bruce welcomes remarks

3. Approve March 2022 meeting minutes – Bob Gange motioned to approve minutes with modifications.

4. Updates on commission members, vacancies, and recruitment: There are four vacancies, and the Y.C is currently accepting new applications. Welcome, Cailey Klasson from Windsor Public Library; she will replace Alex Remy. The Y.C thanks Alex Remy for her hard work and dedication with the Youth Summit.

5. L.P.C. report: Y.S.B. receives the Local Prevention Grant to provide education on prevention awareness for youth. The Y.S.B. conducted a school survey in 2017 and was due for another in 2021, but due to Covid, it was postponed until 2022. The survey included behavioral, health, wellness, and mental health questions for students in grades 7 – 12. The B.O.E. has decided not to run the survey. The B.O.E. stated that they had other priorities at this time.

There is \$6,600 remaining in the grant that needs to be spent by June 30, 2022. The Y.S.B. has been spending the funds on "Vaping Prevention" through banners, CVS window materials, and vaping prevention swag. \$500 has been spent on Project Graduation and vaping prevention bracelets for the event. The Y.S.B is also purchasing Red Ribbon Supplies for Red Ribbon Week.

6. Public comment: No public comment

7. New business:

a) Community service opportunities for teens: Sarah created a great resource for community service opportunities for high school students. The list includes Windsor Food and Fuel Bank, CT Food Share, CT Trolley Museum, and Second Chance Ranch. Sarah asked the Y.C for ideas to add to the list. Some responses and ideas were Kimberly Hall, Windsor Library, Windsor B.O.E. Summer Enrichment Program, Sage Park Community Garden, and B.O.E. Family Resource Centers. Please email Sarah any ideas so she can add them to the list.

b) Youth Commission Outreach and Recruiting- There are currently 4 vacancies in the Y.C. We are looking for new ways to recruit members. Reminder the Y.C. must do the recruiting for new members. There is \$500 to recruit new members. Some potential ideas for recruiting were to host a table at the Y.S.B. Block Parties, School P.T.O. meetings, table project graduation, and school committees.

- Taisha Serrano will be connecting with Windsor Public School's P.T.O.'s on behalf of the Y.C.
- Bruce McCormick has requested that the Y.C. members be more passionate about their role in the community and the commission.
  - Bruce has requested a Sub Committee for Outreach and Recruiting
- The Y.C.'s idea of having its own Social Media Platforms was discussed separately from the Y.S.B. social platforms.

#### 8. Old business –

a) Annual Teen Summit: The 2022 Teen Summit consisted of two days of workshops and presentations about mental health, money management, and life in college. Raffle prizes and take-home lunches were provided. The Windsor Youth Commission proudly presented this event in partnership with Youth Services Bureau and Public Library. Participants were surveyed and stated they enjoyed Money Management, the college panel, the giveaways, and the shortened day. Students requested a Middle School Summit for next year to prepare for life in High School.

#### 9. Standing Committee Reports –

- a) Police Department: There has been an increase of fights at Windsor High School; on average 7 -10 fights a week.
- b) Recreation Services: Summer Fun Camp Registration is underway for Summer 2022, with over 812 campers registered for 7 weeks of camp. The Summer Fun Camp Scholarship deadline is May 27, 2022. Summer Swim lesson registration is now open season. Goslee and Welch Pools will open for the summer season on Saturday, June 18. Windsor is hosting the C.T. Trails Days Hike on Saturday, June 4, from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. at East Barber St. Trail
- c) Windsor Public Schools: There is a large initiative to promote Social and Emotional Learning for students. Each school has 2 S.E.L. specialists in-house to help students with their social and emotional needs. Windsor High School is preparing for graduation. A Summer Enrichment Program is offered during July for all students from 8:30 a.m. – to 2:30 p.m. for free. Sage Park Middle School has a new, very successful Chess Program.
- d) Board of Education: N/A

- e) Library Services: A new Teen Librarian was hired. Welcome, Cailey Klasson. Cailey joins us from Florida. Cailey will be focusing on Emerging Work Force Skills for teens.
- f) Youth Services: S.T.E.P. Summer Teen Employment Program has selected its candidates for the summer of 2022. 15 students were hired for this program. The dates for the Summer Block Parties have been released (July 12, July 29, and August 12). The Youth Commissioners are welcome to attend!

g) Youth Liaison: N/A

10. Adjournment: Great Meeting! Melissa Richards called for Adjournment at 7:48 p.m., and Bruce McCormick seconded this motion.