

Weston Commission for Children and Youth
Minutes from the February 19, 2014 Meeting

In attendance: Michelle Albright, Charlene Monn, Dru Walters, Nicole Wilhelm, Lois Pernice, Dan Doak, Julia Weisman, Ellen Weyrauch, Stacy Kamisar, Catherine Minter, Lindsey Kappel, Lynn Phillips

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm by Michelle Albright

Approval of December 2013 minutes (first by Lynn Phillips, second by Stacy Kamisar)

Director's report

- Tackling the Tough Stuff focus for February is Risk, Respect, & Resilience and for March is March Madness; two workshops scheduled for each month, one with a guest speaker (from out of town) to draw larger attendance
- Continuing to see eighth-graders individually and groups who are still wrestling with issues related to grief and trauma
- Continuing to receive referrals and inquiries from parents seeking advice/consultation on specific issues
- Offered a six-week workshop series for 7 parents of 5th graders in collaboration with Positive Directions
- Participated in a professional development training for all WMS staff on eating disorders and working on scheduling an evening event for parents
- Co-sponsored a Teen PeaceWorks Poetry Slam for WHS students February 7th in honor of National Teen Dating Violence Prevention Month
- Presented survey results on substance use to approximately 25 parents on February 6th; as follow up will be collaborating with the schools to present a Risky Behavior Panel as follow-up
- Collaborating with ADAP and WHS to schedule a presenter for what was traditionally the "pre prom" student presentation
- Continuing to provide waivers for WOW programs, PTO membership fees, and arts/music programs
- Working with Princeton Review to provide scholarships for ACT and SAT prep courses

Program Coordinator's report

- Winter WOW! programs are up and running – offering 16 programs at Hurlbutt and 9 at WIS
- Offering new programs this session including Hola Mis Amigos! (Spanish for Kindergarteners), a puppet-making workshop and digital storytelling
- Spring WOW! programs are scheduled to begin the week of April 21st and run through the week of June 2nd
- Beginning with the spring session, registration will open at 10:01 P.M.
- Summer camp registration has opened and we will be offering camps in the areas of cooking, science, model building/legos, Lego Flix (a new animated film camp) and Mad About Camp that includes music, art, dance, and cooking)
- We will also be collaborating with WPS again to offer youth theater and music camps

Family University

- Family University is scheduled for April 9th and Marc Brackett from the Yale Center on Emotional Intelligence will be our featured key note speaker
- Commission members discussed the format of Family U and how different topics may be more appealing to middle school students and parents versus high school students and parents
- Commission members discussed charging a minimal admission fee (\$10) for adults to offset costs and how best to organize registration sign-up and attendance

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Albright