

Weston Commission for Children and Youth  
Minutes from the February, 2013 Meeting

In attendance: Lynn Philips, Michelle Albright, Doreen O'Leary, Ellen Weyrauch, Charlene Monn, Dan Doak,  
Student Commissioners: Emily Weyrauch, Jenna Klaassen, Jack Kerns  
Guests: Lorraine Riley, Juri Garone, Dorothy Freedman, Alexa Levine, Emma Halper

Meeting called to order at 5:24 PM by Lynn Phillips.

Because we did not have a quorum to approve January minutes, we will do so next month.

Presentation by Teen Peaceworks: Domestic Violence Taskforce

- Started in 2006 under DVCC in Stamford with the goal of educating the community and raising awareness
- DVCC also provides counseling, legal aide, safehouses, as well as educational programs and workshops
- TeenPeaceworks assists with fundraising and participates in a range of events and activities to help teens learn to solve conflicts peacefully and maintain healthy interpersonal relationships
- Upcoming events include the talent show and a butterfly release event for October
  - Family event, bake sale, face painting
  - Focus will be on empowerment and new beginnings
  - Possible tie-in with Hurlbutt and WIS Pride Program
- Michelle has been attending DVTF meetings and also met with staff at DVCC
- Youth Services/Commission can help to support initiatives financially, through cross promotion, and by running programs to promote awareness and help children and adults recognize the signs of abuse
- <http://www.westondomesticviolencetaskforce.org/>
- <http://www.dvccct.org/>

Behavior Policy

- Sets standards but also allows us to consider circumstances of specific cases
- Will appear on website as part of online registration
- Parents must agree to policy in order for their children to participate

Charlene's Office Report

- New dismissal protocol is working well
- Several classes have been cancelled because of school closings and will be made up during the week of April 8<sup>th</sup>
- More people signed up for Sitter Safety second session than first
- Summer camp plans are underway and registration will begin during March

### Michelle's Office Report

- Distributed online survey to gain information about parent interests and preferences – initial response has been good
- Continuing to collaborate with school staff and receive referrals to see parents
- Beginning Tackling the Tough Stuff series in March (topic varies monthly and programming includes workshops with guest speakers and corresponding resources and information on the website)
- Considering an afterschool program based on the WOW model that targets children with similar needs or issues
- Discussing ideas for a high school mentoring program (issue raised by school staff)

Meeting adjourned at 7:05

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Weyrauch