

Weston Commission for Children and Youth
Minutes from the May 20, 2013 Meeting

In attendance: Dan Doak, Stacy Kamisar, Michelle Albright, Ellen Weyrauch, Charlene Monn, Lynn Philips, Jeff Drobner, Dawn Egan
Student Commissioners: Emily Weyrauch, Jenna Klaassen
Guest: Lois Pernice

Meeting called to order at 5:22 pm by Lynn Phillips.

Approval of last meeting's minutes will be postponed until September meeting.

Family University

- Lois Pernice reviewed this year's Family University (March 21st, Thursday) and discussed ideas for next year
- The schools would like to partner with Youth Services although the event will continue to have the support of the BOE
- Feedback for this year was positive and HS panels were well received
- The parent/child combined workshop was very big and we may want to consider breaking that down into smaller sessions
- In planning for next year, we may also want to consider getting more well-known speakers, confirming dates earlier in the year, and improving publicity (such as articles in the Forum, book group based on a work by speaker)
- We may also want to consider focusing on middle schoolers (possibly 5th and 6th graders as well)
- Commission members may want to attend Katona-Lewisboro Family University event for ideas (<http://www.klfamilyuniversity.org/>)

Charlene's Office Report

- Spring WOW! Programs
 - 24 WOW! Programs running
 - Most running at maximum capacity!
 - Programs end June 3rd
 - WOW programs have a lot of Kindergarten children enrolled
- Summer Camps
 - Low registration so far
 - Several programs are at risk for cancellation: Creative Arts/Enrichment (only 8 sign-ups so far for the 3 ½ week camp); PM Engineering with Legos; Stretch, Sing, Imagine, and Perform
 - Weston Performing Arts Camps—low but increasing numbers
- Future programming
 - Possible after-school Spanish for K-1 students
 - Possible cultural/language around the world fall program
 - Reaching out to MS faculty about running some WOW! programs

Michelle's Office Report

- Positive feedback for Tackling the Tough Stuff series
 - Increasing attendance at recent events including Let's Talk about Sex with Bob Sleverstone (10 participants); Liquor Laws with Fred Ury (11 participants); Discomfort and Dialogue with Jackie Sussman (19 participants)
- Continuing to provide waivers to families in need
- Continuing to provide parent consultation (often parent- initiated)
- Met with Alphabet Moms and school staff to discuss developing programs for kids with special needs and their parents

Other Business

- New student commissioners
 - Three openings for rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors
 - Will place ad in *The Weston High School Journal* school newspaper

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Weyrauch