



Mission Statement

The West Allis Youth Commission, as an intergenerational decision making body, aims to focus on the improvement of the community through the encouragement of youth involvement in government, community affairs, and in the educational systems of the City of West Allis.

WEST ALLIS YOUTH COMMISSION

MINUTES

Monday, November 7, 2016

Present: Gunner Anderson, Jessica Bahr, Stephanie Danner, Joe Damos, Joey DiTorrice, Tyler Drezek, Raisa Garibay, Jason Grabner, Diego Hernandez, Mia Jones, Christian Kirchner, Van Kleinschmidt, Joseph Koenig, Lucas Kovensky, Jack Kovnesky, Marinella Krezic, Halena Lassiter, Sierra Malvitz, Diquan Reese, Vanesa Rubi-Sandoval, Bret Scarpaci, Maddie Sopa, Brooke Stocks, Taylor Stocks, Glenn Thomas, Katie Tooher, Fred Wittemer

Adult Advisors Present: Chris Beldin, Dan Devine, Paul Murphy, Aaron Norris, Amy Van Deuren

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

General discussion was held on electing a Chairperson and Recording Secretary and nominations/voting will occur at the next meeting. It was decided that the Commission would meet on the first and third Monday of the month. A schedule will be put together for hand out at the next meeting.

The bulk of the meeting was spent discussing project ideas for the 2016-17 school year.

1. Job Shadowing. Students expressed wanting more experiences with career based opportunities in high school, and a brief discussion occurred around that idea. Mr. Murphy expressed how the adults on the Commission could provide some of those experiences if the Commission wanted to host or focus on that idea for the year.
2. Scholarship Access. This was discussed as being a potential idea. Hosting a scholarship/career fair--what is out there, how to apply, and why money every year is not dispersed.
3. Candidate Forum. A group of students was very interested in this.
4. Presentation to the School Board on looming issues in the school-community.
5. Dog Park was briefly discussed.
6. Perception of West Allis from the youth side. This then branched into what type of entertainment does a 14-18 year old student look for. Why do you leave the city for entertainment and what locations do you see as promising.
7. A group of students discussed potentially running for school board.

8. Hosting a "Movie in the Park Evening" was discussed and an option.
9. Live Music Nights seemed to be a hot topic and was a center piece of the meeting for 11 minutes.

Overall, there seemed to be some consensus that the Commission could break into sub-committees if there were some decisions made on 2-3 ideas. Mr. Murphy commented that a general focus needs to be made and that should be the main goal for the next meeting.

Mayor Devine closed the meeting by stating that Central and Dottke schools need to keep canvassing for more students to join the Youth Commission.

The next Commission meeting will be held at City Hall on Monday, November 21, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.