

DRAFT Notes
Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission
School and Teacher Outreach Committee
January 8, 2024 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Israel Provoncha, chair
Martha Deiss, vice chair
Jonah Spivak
Chris Sheehan
Meg Mallory
Rich Strum
Victoria Sample
Lisa Bresler
Phil Holland

Absent:

Stuart Lilie
Catherine Delneo

- I. No introductions** as no new members, guest presenters, or members of the public present.
- II. Changes to the agenda-** Add Katie and Brooke under New Business (actually discussed during VASS conversation)
- III. November minutes approved.**
- IV. No public comment.**
- V. Committee Reorganization-** Jonah shared that Izzy will be the Committee chair for the next few years
- VI. Old Business –**
VASS Follow-up
 - Chris met with kids book author
 - Educators/presenters Katie and Brooke received press in the Bennington Banner
 - Smaller group than last year- Elsa added many of our ‘offshoots’ had high participation.
 - Influencer List- added 4-5 new members; define purpose-teacher-to teacher communicators; determine grade/grade band and what influencer teaches; can we map out where they are located?
 - Planning for next year- NCSS is in Boston in Nov. which may affect VASS turnout; can we create VT ‘text’ for elementary/middle students;

make art connections; collaborate with Center for Cartoon Studies
(currently focused on elementary grade foldable);

Library Conversation Tabled as Catherine Delneo absent

VII. New Business

- Rich shared Fort Ticonderoga PD opportunities; Feb. 6 Archaeology & American Revolution; Oct. 1 Benedict Arnold- James Nelson as historian
- VAS- Victoria will reach out to open lines of communication for summer PD
- Can Curriculum Directors be contacted for VAS promotion; Meg has a list

VIII. Adjourn

Next Meeting : February 12, 2024

Future Agenda

Strategize future outreach to homeschool families
Books for schools and libraries