

Minutes
Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission
Education Committee

April 10, 2023

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting Only

Microsoft Teams meeting

Present

Izzy Provoncha
Elsa Gilbertson
Martha Deiss
Laura Trieschmann
Richard Strum
Victoria Hughes
Phil Holland
Jonah Spivak
Meghan Hill
Lisa Bressler
Victoria Anderson

Absent

Catherine Delneo
Stuart Lilie
Rejoice Scherry

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Changes to Agenda

- Laura would like to discuss grant (old business)
- Elsa would like to share 200th resource (new business)
- update on VT History Day

III. Approval of March Minutes

- Minutes approved unanimously

IV. Public Comment

- No members of the public on the meeting call

V. Listening Session

- discussion of draft Save the Date email; Phil made suggestions; email will be sent to all members to provide comment so Jonah can send email to interested educators on Monday, April 17th, with additional email reminders to follow

- Laura confirmed that the session can be recorded; we will follow up with those unable to attend live session and send the recording

Discussion of resources and materials

- Elsa expressed concern that the list of Native American resources be identified as a starting point and not a complete list; it was suggested that we spend more time and consideration before sharing that resource

-Rich mentioned that Fort Ticonderoga has a new 250th link that we can share

-Victoria H mentioned that Steve Perkins had received resources from the 250th in Williamsburg last month; Jonah agreed and would share

-Phil mentioned book lists

-Victoria Anderson mentioned sharing information to visit VT historical sites

Discussion of meeting structure

-Victoria H and Izzy will run the meeting

-A starting question will kick off the conversation as was done at VASS; all of these participants were VASS attendees

-Izzy and Victoria H will work together to design session and will reach out if need assistance from the group

VI. Old Business

How to connect with elementary educators?

- Victoria H mentioned that she has an updated email list
- Fort T is approaching heavy field trip season with apx. 1/3 of educators being VT 4th grade teachers; can provide avenue to email educators
- Lisa B shared that we should be at conferences where elementary teachers will be
- Victoria A mentioned personal connections can be successful

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-Phil will meet with Eliz F at the end of April; Lisa B will be included in the meeting

-updates will be shared at June 12th meeting

VAS Proposal

-Laura shared that presenters concerned about timing and asked if they can move PD from summer 2023 to summer 2024; Laura will amend contract to end 12/24 and ask presenters to participate in the marketing. Phil agreed that postponing will have more impact as the Commission has not yet rolled out the 250th. Unanimous motion to postpone to 2024.

VII. New Business

- Tabling at events will be on a future agenda; Laura mentioned that the Commission has a summer intern that is a graphic artist- what type of banners would we want?
- Dept. of Tourism and marketing will be creating a 250th web page.
- Elsa shared resource from VT/NH collaborative 200th celebration

- VT History Day update did not occur

VIII. Adjourn

- Next Meeting- May 8th will be the Educator/Influencer Listening Session