

Minutes
Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission
Education Committee

June 12, 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
Phil Holland
Jonah Spivak
Lisa Bressler
Victoria Sample

Absent

Catherine Delneo
Stuart Lilie
Rejoice Scherry

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Changes to Agenda

Martha added information from Agency of Education

III. Approval of April Minutes

Due to delay in sharing and May meeting with educators, April and June meeting minutes will be brought for approval at the July 10th meeting.

IV. Public Comment

No members of the public on the meeting call

V. Old Business

Governors Institute of Vermont- Phil and Lisa had a short meeting with Elizabeth F of GIV

1) Why should we develop a 250th GIV session

- Need for study of history; need to seed a new generation of Vermont students to be involved/interested in history; can extend the 250th lens

2) Is it feasible to recruit? Will there be interest?

- Phil stated that student involvement in April's Vermont History Day is evidence of interest; we can use that event to recruit and influencers can help; Phil suggests surveying participants at this year's summer Institute to gauge interest

3) Is it feasible to find staff?

- Could be a challenge to find a director; can we turn to museum personnel?
- Elizabeth suggested a single theme and single director

4) Can a location be identified?

- 80,000 X 3 years= \$240,000
- Partial state funds, tuition; perhaps legislative appropriations, foundations, councils, and private sources?

5) Time frame- proposal from Commission must submitted by spring 2024 for 2025, 2026, 2027 sessions.

Lisa suggested Arts component; perhaps a documentary filmmaking session which would tie into ISTE and other standards.

Motion made and seconded. Jonah will bring to Commission for approval; theme to be determined

Listening Session- Follow Up and Take Aways from May 8th Session

- Realization of how hard it is to bring teachers in.
- Recognized a diversity of needs- some want canned lessons, others wanted resources
- Idea of 'the more we can provide the better'
- Educators seemed to appreciate learning from each other- sharing ideas and lessons
- Difficulty in field trip participation- feasibility, economically; would like more Field Trip in a Box opportunities
- Update and expand Field Trip in a Box
- Provide a centralized location for information to be accessed
- Provide Vermont history education for educators
- Re-vitalize resource from 50 years ago and share

V. New Business

The AOE Social Studies webpage can house 250th information and resources until ACCD 250th homepage is complete. Martha, Jonah, and Victoria will create an information piece and we can collate resources. This site will then link to the completed ACCD 250th homepage. Others shared resource suggestions to be housed, such as Fort Ticonderoga PD in October- push needs to be made in August for teachers to sign up.

Martha will also reach out to VT History Museum to learn how to reach out to homeschool students/guardians.

VI. Adjourn

-Next Meeting- July 10th