

Notes
Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission
School and Teacher Outreach Committee
October 16, 2023 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Martha Deiss
Jonah Spivak
Rich Strum
Victoria Sample
Elsa Gilbertson
Meg Mallory
Meghan Hill
Chris Sheehan

Absent:

Israel Provancha
Laura Trieschmann
Stuart Lilie
Lisa Bresler
Catherine Delneo

Jonah began the meeting with a review of the Role of the Education and Outreach Committee, which had been previously shared with members. Jonah mentioned that the Commission is looking to the Vermont Historical Society for 250th materials, and asked Meg Mallory if VHS is burdened by the work. Meg is aware of the charge. Jonah asked how the Committee can support the VHS. Jonah reviewed work that Committee has done which has aligned to the assigned Role.

- I. No introductions** as no new members, guest presenters, or members of the public present.
- II. Changes to the agenda-** Jonah requested that Library conversation be tabled as Catherine Delneo would be a needed voice.
- III. September minutes approved.**
- IV. No public comment.**
- V. Planning the Vermont Alliance for the Social Studies December 7th session.**

Educator Presenters:

- Martha will ask Izzy if he is willing to present new themes.
- Brooke Remington from Bennington area.
- Chris Sheehan on civic engagement

Underrepresented Stories:

- Meg will follow up with Sarah Rooker of Flow of History

VASS Packet materials and Other Presenters:

- Teaser for GIV 2024
- Rich/Fort Ti PD

- VAS Summer 24 PD
- Resources Pack with links to educational offerings (VHS and others), PD opportunities, with sample “history card” handout and way to suggest historic figures for inclusion.
- Book list? And offer to purchase titles for teacher/influencers?
- VT Teacher of Year (Barney) to speak?
- Share new Commission themes presented by Izzy?

Participants share and Q and A; Committee members asked to develop questions.

Meg will create a google slideshow for participating members to include slides; new ‘packet’ of resources for educators. Rich mentioned sharing information at affiliated tables. Jonah will create proto-type for participants to include Vermont names to 250th card deck.

VI. Old Business

Jonah shared that the Committee will not receive assistance from the History Committee if we choose to move forward with work related to Perspectives ’76. Some members feel that it is a valuable, but outdated document which could provide possible summer PD hours for educators that would like to select items to update through a lens of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Martha will share Angela Labrador summer PD session with Committee members to determine most effective means to share to the field.

VII. New Business

Library conversation tabled to future date.

Rich shared Feb. 6, 2024 Archeology PD session; will share blurb with Martha for Weekly Field Memo. Rich shared successful Ticonderoga Tuesday session on Ethan Allen with over 40 participants.

Chris will develop a Teacher-to-Teacher email to influencers asking what they would like to see at VASS, how we can support 250th education.

Next Meeting: November 13, 2023

Complete VASS presentation