

Minutes
Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission
School and Teacher Outreach Committee
June 10, 2024 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Izzy Provoncha
Martha Deiss
Meghan Hill
Elsa Gilbertson
Chris Sheehan
Rich Strum

Absent:

Laura Trieschmann
Meg Mallory
Jonah Spivak
Lisa Bresler
Phil Holland
Catherine Delneo
Stuart Lilie

Community Members:

Lucia Lovell (intern at Peter Welch's office)

I. Welcome and Introductions.

II. No changes to Agenda

III. May minutes approved.

IV. No public comment.

V. Old Business

Library Conference update

- Had 4-5pm time slot, so turnout wasn't great. Had about 14 people show up and sign up on the library influencers list. Tabled next to Cathy with Vermont Libraries, so had more people passing by. Earlier place in the day would have improved public presence.
- Brainstormed with library – discussed doing an 18th century bootcamp, ex: sewing, fire making, 18th century skills. Potential 250th 18th century skills workshop.

Framework of Resources

- Still doesn't have anything added to it. Seemed like people were interested in having something tangible to share with educators. Committee needs to set aside time to do this all together.

VI. New Business

VTCLA Monthly Newsletter

- Izzy, Jonah, and Martha met with Jeff Evans of Vermont Curriculum Association – was very gracious about us sending a monthly newsletter.
- Mark thought that a comprehensive Unit to give to teachers would be ideal.

Committee Scrum

- Idea proposed to come together as a group somewhere at a site. To have uninterrupted time to focus on framework.
- Martha highlighted that Massachusetts has an amazing timeline that educators can use – teachers can show what happened every “this day in history” leading up to 2026.
- Elsa will talk with Friends group this weekend about contributing something to Framework.
- Rich and Martha will touch base about making google doc accessible, setting a date to work on Framework in person. Looking at dates at the end of June.
- Izzy will send out doodle poll with dates for meeting.

VII. Adjourn

Next Meeting: August 11, 2024

Future Agenda

Strategize future partnerships

- Shelburne Museum, Vermont Folk Life Bennington Museum, Clements Family Farm, Vermont Abenaki Arts Association, Ethan Allen Homestead, WBGH, NPR, potential partnerships.
- Meghan recommended reaching out to the Abenaki about participation, creating a diverse perspective on the events of the American Revolution.