

**Minutes**  
**Vermont 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commission**  
**School and Teacher Outreach Committee**  
**November 13, 2023 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:**

Jonah Spivak  
Chris Sheehan  
Meg Mallory  
Rich Strum  
Victoria Sample  
Lisa Bresler  
Catherine Delneo  
Israel Provoncha  
Phil Holland

**Absent:**

Laura Trieschmann  
Stuart Lilie  
Martha Deiss

- I. **No introductions** as no new members, guest presenters, or members of the public present.
- II. **Changes to the agenda-** approved without objection.
- III. **September minutes approved.** Moved by Lisa Bresler seconded by Meg Mallory
- IV. Catherine Delneo abstained, all others voted yes.
- V. **No public comment.**
- VI. **Old Business**

**Planning the Vermont Alliance for the Social Studies December 7<sup>th</sup> session.**

Rough outline:

Conference planning – 50 minute presentation

- 3 minutes: Intro – Martha or Jonah
- 7 minutes: Review of Themes (Izzy)
- 7 minutes: 250<sup>th</sup> and Civic Engagement in the Classroom (Chris)
- 7 minutes: MAUHS case study for including 250<sup>th</sup> (Brooke, Katie)
- 7 minutes: Professional Development Opportunities (Rich, Victoria? Others?)
- 7 minutes: 250<sup>th</sup> educational resources from VHS? (Meg?)
- 12-15 minutes REMAINING TIME: Listening Session (Izzy and Chris)

For Listening session, Chris will set up a way for teachers to give input digitally with a low tech backup (sticky notes)

Jonah will create an updated handout with input from Meg and Rich for educational and PD, and Victoria for historic sites. Send materials direct to Jonah to assemble. Also include the new themes, and intro note from Martha/Jonah.

Run Through before the conference: 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup> VIA ZOOM. This is not a public meeting; no work or decisions will be made.

### **Vermont Historical Society – update from Meg Mallory**

250<sup>th</sup> support for libraries

- Discussion on buying/providing books for educators looking to teach more Vermont History
- Possible to have a circulating collection of books
- Could have schools apply for funds to buy books
- There is a 250<sup>th</sup> Book list
- Grant money could go by community index to promote equity concerns. Cathereine will check with Martha about how much money can be set aside for school library program
- Some books could be available digitally through state library

### **VII. New Business**

\*No December Committee meeting as many members will be at VASS conference; next meeting is January 8, 2024

Future Agenda:

- Strategize future outreach to homeschool families
- 250<sup>th</sup> presence at Librarians Conference in spring of 2024

### **VIII. Adjournment**

Rich Strum motion to adjourn, Chris Sheehan seconds, unanimous meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.