

Draft Minutes
Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission
School and Teacher Outreach Committee
January 13, 2025 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting Only Microsoft Teams meeting

Members Present: Martha Deiss, Rich Strum, Meg Mallory, Meghan Hill, Phil Holland, Elsa Gilbertson, Cathy Delneo.

Staff: Megan Albert

I. Welcome and Introductions

Martha Deiss welcomed meeting attendees.

II. Changes to Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

III. Approval of November Minutes

Rich Strum made a motion to approve the November 2024 School and Teacher Outreach Committee minutes. Elsa Gilbertson seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

IV. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

V. Old Business

- Jay Craven-Lost Nation

Phil Holland brought to attention Jay Craven’s film “Lost Nation” which is being shown at locations throughout the State. He suggests there be a blurb to add to the upcoming newsletter or website.

- Ft. Ticonderoga webinar update

Rich Strum gave an update on the upcoming webinar “An Introduction to Classroom Resources for the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution.” Registration is still open and available on their website. It has been added to the Vermont 250th website as well.

- VASS- update Jonah

Martha gave an update on this year’s VASS conference. There was a great turn out. Next year will be 250th themed.

- VTCLA update

There was discussion about VTCLA attendance. Martha suggested asking Jeff or Ron to join Izzy for the conference.

- Center for Cartoon Studies- Phil-coloring book follow up

There was discussion about the potential 250th coloring book. Catherine mentioned inclusivity. Meg Mallory added accessibility is important and the content should be age appropriate. The committee agreed to asking the Research and Historical committee to work on or edit the content. Tentative date for its release would be May 2026.

VI. New Business

- VASS 2025

Next year's theme is the 250th.

- [Website](#)

The framework of resources needs to be up on the website. The committee will work on making it more user-friendly and send to Megan Albert to post on the website when there is a final version.

VII. Adjourn

Next Meeting: February 10, 2025

Future Agenda: January task follow-up