

Minutes
Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission
School and Teacher Outreach Committee
February 10, 2025 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting Only Microsoft Teams meeting

Members Present: Martha Diess, Rich Strum, Phil Holland, Chris Sheehan, Cathy Delneo, Elsa Gilbertson, Meg Mallory.

Staff: Megan Albert

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Changes to Agenda

There were no changes made to the agenda.

III. Approval of January Minutes

Martha Diess made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 13th, 2025 School and Teacher Outreach meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

IV. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

V. Old Business

- Center for Cartoon Studies- update

Martha Diess asked if there was any update on the Center for Cartoon Studies and the potential coloring book. Phil Holland reiterated the overview of his discussion with them from the last committee meeting. It was agreed amongst the committee members to ask the Research and Historical committee if they would weigh in on the content. Megan Albert shared that in their last meeting, they thought it was duplicative. Martha brought up the budget for the project and that it should be brought to the Commission.

- Fort Ti webinar – Rich update

Rich Strum gave an update on the last Fort Ticonderoga webinar An Introduction to Classroom Resources for the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution. He explained that it was well-attended and all were engaged.

- VTCLA- Izzy update

Members who were in attendance were not present for this meeting. Meg Mallory was present and said attendees were interested in 250th themes.

- VASS 2025

There was brief discussion about plans for the Vermont Alliance for Social Studies 2025 conference. The committee will discuss it further at the next meeting.

- Reststops

Martha and members discussed the rest stop art project. This art is being created by students and is already in progress.

- Resource

VI. New Business

- [Ending Radical Indoctrination in K-12 Schools- 250th connections](#)

There was a brief discussion about the executive order “Ending Radical Indoctrination in K-12 schools” and its 250th connection.

VII. Adjourn

Next Meeting: March 10, 2025