

Draft Minutes
Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission
School and Teacher Outreach Committee
November 12, 2024
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting Only - Microsoft Teams meeting

Members Present: Izzy Provoncha, Martha Deiss, Rich Strum, Jonah Spivak, Phil Holland, Meghan Hill, Cathy Delneo.

Members Absent: Meg Mallory, Chris Sheehan.

Staff: Megan Albert

I. Welcome and Introductions

Izzy Provoncha started the meeting at 3:00pm

II. Changes to Agenda

VTCLA podcast discussion was added to the agenda.

III. Approval of August and September Minutes

Jonah Spivak made a motion to approve the minutes of August and September School and Teacher Outreach Committee meetings. Rich Strum seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

IV. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

V. Old Business

- Framework of Resources - Create an explanation for use

There was discussion about the draft Framework of Resources and how to organize it. Martha suggested categories and age ranges need to be organized in a different way. There is hope to have it available for the upcoming VASS and VTCLA conferences. Jonah Spivak asked what other resources could be available, possibly a coloring book. Phil Holland said he would be in touch with the Center for Cartoon Studies about this. Meg Mallory suggested asking teachers who attend the conference on how they would like to see the Framework of Resources organized since they are the ones using it. Meg will work on the Freedom and Unity section. Phil Holland will work on a condensed Battle of Bennington section.

- VASS- attending, tabling resources, talking points

The conference cost is \$200 per person and \$100 per additional person. Rich Strum has Ft. Ticonderoga brochures for use at the table. Jonah will put one together for the 250th and also ask the Commission for the conference cost.

- Vermont Public - develop possible inquiry

Martha discussed the development of a survey for the student video project. It would ask the students and educators about the theme and whether they want to participate. The 3-5 minute videos program would begin in September 2025 and would be released in Spring 2026. She also suggested having available resources for students who will create the videos. Phil Holland offered to be a historic research consultant for the project. Rich Strum mentioned highlighting Ken Burn's new documentary on the survey or invitation. The committee needs to develop inquiry questions and some themes, potentially 'Unfinished Revolutions' and 'Abolition in Vermont'.

VI. New Business

- Fort T- February webinar concept- Rich

Rich elaborated on the Ft. Ticonderoga webinar scheduled on February 4th, 2024. It will reviewing historic sites, updates on 250th commemorations and include the NY State Historian and other presenters.

- 250th Outreach webinars

The Research and Historical Committee organized outreach webinars. The K-12 educators webinar will be presented by Jonah Spivak and Izzy Provoncha alongside a slideshow. Meg Mallory said she will attend.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:00pm

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