

Minutes

Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission School and Teacher Outreach Committee

June 1, 2026 | 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting Only Microsoft Teams meeting

Attendees: Elsa, Jonah, Rich, Phil, Izzy, Josh, Chris, Meghan Hill Bartholomew, Meg Mallory

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Changes to Agenda

III. Approval of May Minutes

- Minutes approved.

IV. Public Comment

V. Old Business

- VT Public/CTE videos – June 15 www.vermontpublic.org/america250
 - Looks like we will not have a chance to see this ahead of time
 - Heather is very optimistic about this
- Mt Independence – May 19th
 - 8 schools, 230 students, 8 stations,
 - Kids got a lot out of it. Really listening.
 - Jonah: Shout out to Phil and team in Bennington that did a 4th grade regional offering with over 200 kids over two days. These are extremely impactful events.
 - Phil: many volunteers across generations
 - Meghan: heard that kids loved the day at Mount Independence
- 4th grade passes
 - Martha will have a conversation tomorrow to discuss distribution
 - Added letter to parents allowing email to parents that could be printed and used as a pass
- Art at Chimney Point

VI. New Business

- Across the Fence – WCAX/UVM
 - Uncertain about what is being asked of us. The email Izzy received was super unclear.
 - Don't know if they want Vermont 250th theme, or education, specifically
 - Jonah is interested in that.

- Martha is going to get back to Izzy with more details.
- Jonah: Abenaki educational pack
 - First nation in Vermont. Did not have the guts to ask if Canada tribe approved.
 - Bennington is Mohican territory, so not as useful
 - Teachers have been asking. Not specific to 250th, but there is crossover
- Influencer list
 - Got no responses from educators.
- War college – Rich: Great! Speakers from around the US and UK. Cohosted teacher workshop with Mt. Vernon. Bennington museum will host coming up.
 - Rich will send information on to Izzy about that

VII. Adjourn

Next Meeting: TBD

Future Agenda:

- Project updates