

# Vermont 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commission Education Committee

December 12, 2022

3:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting Only – Microsoft Teams

**DRAFT Minutes**

**Pending Approval January 2023**

## Present

Martha Deiss  
Phil Holland  
Elsa Gilbertson  
Izzy Provoncha  
Jonah Spivak  
Victoria Hughes  
Laura Trieschmann  
Rich Strum  
Catherine Delneo

## Absent

Rejoice Scherry  
Stuart Lilie

Jonah- review of VASS:

- didn't need all slides
- 12 signed up as influencers
- Valuable event to have been there- networking, presentations, Abenaki questions
- About 20-25% of participants were at our session- apx. 40 people
- Focus on bringing something lasting to their teaching beyond the 250<sup>th</sup>
- Participants took the handouts that we provided
- Jonah will compose an email- Martha will send out [note: this has been done]

Questions from the field included funding for subs and buses for field trips; sub-grants for teachers to do research; PD.

Rich volunteered to do a teacher webinar with VT focus for upper elementary through high school; currently doing a 1 ½ hour webinar which is grant funded; he advertised this through Fort T website and closed social media sites and link to FB groups.

Laura stated that governance conversation re. the Commission takes place on 12/14; includes conversation re. adding reps/members to committee, including Abenaki; strategic plan should be finalized at 12/14 meeting; Phil and Jonah will speak at meeting and share VASS conference.

Phil met with Elizabeth Frascoia, Exec. Dir. of the Governor's Institutes, at a GIV function in Dorset. [She plans to attend our Feb. 13 meeting]

Next Committee meeting is 1/9/2023.

--Martha D.