



**America 250 | CT Commission
Education Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 23, 2024, 3:30 p.m.**

Virtual Attendees

Committee Members:

Ruth Garby Torres
Steve Armstrong
Nicole Jones
Rebecca Taber
Abby Esposito
Christine Jewell
Danielle Johnson
Jenny Heikkila Diaz
Matt Farley
Kathy Hermes
Sally Whipple
Shaelyn Amaio
Olanrewaju Olamuyiwa
Bilal Sekou
Rebecca Gomez
Liz Devine
Daisha Brabham

CT Humanities Staff:

Cyndi Tolosa
Rachel Gonzalez

This meeting was recorded via Zoom. The recording can be accessed at the following link: [America 250 | CT – Education Subcommittee – 2024-04-23](#)

The meeting began at 3:32 p.m.

Cyndi Tolosa welcomed everyone to the meeting and shared information regarding America 250 field trips and Democracy in Dialogue online resources.

Steve Armstrong requested additional information on the America250 Commission & funding initiatives, as well as the role of CT Humanities.

3:43 p.m.: Meeting went to subgroups, with each subgroup tasked with addressing a set of questions (detailed on Agenda) and reporting back out to full group at the end of the meeting. Subgroups:

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- Content Creation/Resources (These two subgroups were combined for the purposes of this meeting)
- Outreach
- Higher Education

4:32 p.m.: All subgroups returned to main session for report out on key discussion points.

- Resources/Content Creation group:
 - o Give teachers time to collaborate on resources
 - o Take advantage of and collect resources that are already available
 - o Ensure superintendents are aware of America 250 | CT resources to gain their support in sharing with teachers
 - o Find ways to shift mindset of teachers, particularly through providing access to relevant primary sources
- Higher Education group:
 - o Expand group that is involved in higher education to make it more meaningful and impactful
 - o Campus Compact – create space for folks to come together with common charge
- Outreach group:
 - o Publicize/publish any resources created anywhere possible
 - o Contact as many folks who can help spread the word as possible (Superintendents, boards of ed, museum educators, librarians, etc.)
 - o Conferences
 - o Professional development as an opportunity for outreach
 - o Need for buy-in from administration to ensure that they work to bring in teachers and support them in implementation
 - o State BOE meeting focused on CT250
 - o Connect with non-traditional schooling as well (i.e., GED, English Language classes)

The meeting ended at 4:48 p.m.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 28th, 2024, 3:30 p.m.