



America 250 | CT Commission
Education Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 24, 2024
Virtual via Zoom

Attendees

Subcommittee Members

Steve Armstrong (Chair)
Chris Newell
Rebecca Taber
Tracey Wilson
Ruth Torres
Jenny Heikkila Diaz
Allison Rau
Tony Roy
Allison Norrie
Liz Devine

CTH Staff

Cyndi Tolosa
Rachel Gonzalez

The meeting began at **3:32 p.m.**

1. Welcome & Updates

- a. [America's Field Trip](#): C. Tolosa provided an overview of America's Field trip, which is being run by the national commission. The contest for 2024/2025 is now open. Connecticut had one second place winner last year and we should be encouraging schools/teachers/parents to participate.

2. Education Resource Creation

- a. ["One-Pager"](#): The one-page flyer for distribution to school districts/educators was reviewed and discussed. Comments for updates included:
 - i. Include high schoolers on the grade levels.
 - ii. Find a way to include local Connecticut stories
 - iii. Update 4th section header to "what will teachers receive"
 - iv. Include a call to action for teachers - currently it is purely informational. It was noted that teachers have been having a difficult time seeing where they fit in without a clearer directive. Discussion on potential action items included:
 1. An "activation event," such as facilitating meetings of a group of teachers, providing a professional development opportunity, etc.
 2. Sign up for mailing list so we have contact list when we're ready to share additional resources
 3. Get involved with local committees
 4. Simply "join in"

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5. [Call for content for 250th resources](#) for TeachIt.org - invite teachers to share resources or browse what already exists
 6. Prompt engagement with local history organizations?
 - v. Possibly flesh out the document with links to existing resources
 1. We the People
 2. History Day
 3. Red White & Blue Schools
 4. Kid Governor
 5. America's Field Trip
 - vi. Consider either updating language to also appeal to college students/professors - or, create a second version with resources that are higher education-specific (i.e., Campus Compact)
 3. Outreach/Publication Discussion:
 - a. Staff & chairs will schedule meetings w/ statewide organizations on this [List](#); subcommittee members reviewed and added organizations/groups to contact. Items to follow up on included:
 - i. Look for a way to get resources to teacher preparation programs - S. Armstrong can get names of coordinators at state colleges
 - ii. Find a list/listserv for GED and ESL programs
 - iii. Find a list/listserve for adult education programs
 - iv. Share with local committees & also share local committee contact information with educators
 - v. Homeschoolers
 - vi. Public libraries
 - vii. *Adjust targets as we learn more about who is engaging and is interested
 4. Next Steps: Staff will incorporate edits on the one page document so it can be shared more widely. Staff will also create an outline for a Connecticut resources packet for educators, to be shared at the next subcommittee meeting.

The meeting ended at **4:26 p.m.**

Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 29, 2024, 3:30 p.m.