



5.3.23 Minutes

2025 Executive Committee
Community Participation Subcommittee
May 3, 2023

Pursuant to a notice duly filed with the Town Clerk of Concord, a meeting of the Community Participation Subcommittee of the Concord 250 Executive Committee was held in person on May 3, 2023 at the Concord Town House at which time the following were present, being a quorum.

Holly Cratsley, Radha Jalan, Nancy McJennett, Joe Zellner, Carol Wilson, Court Booth, Maynard Forbes, Polly Meyer, Mardi Hutchinson, Julia Farwell-Clay, Andi Lesoon, Molly Eberle, Liza Bemis, Ray Pavlik

Holly called the meeting to order at 2:05pm.

April 5 2023 Minutes approved

Battle Road Hockey Tournament

Fabi and Andi working on this with Hockey Coach, Coach Murray . Include 4 schools They are working on getting 250th patches for jerseys, banners, etc. specific to the 250th. Would have to get funded by 250th committee but reimbursed from purchase of gear

Multicultural Festival

Ray Pavlik (CCHS) arrived at 2:15pm. Introductions of Committee to Ray
Ray joined meeting and spoke about the Multicultural Festival (happened in 2019 & 2020 and returned March 2023). This year, March 15th, 700 attendees, People asked to bring enough for 100 small samples ; 5:30-7pm; 48 countries represented, 80 families participated Restaurants participated - they left menus/ advertising (Indian restaurant from Maynard, Italian, etc. - that could help with bulk) - they decided not to group tables by region - scattered throughout. Kitchen staff onsite.

Green Team took care of paper products: compostable tray, fork, spoon and napkin and cup were provided - Green Team separated used plates / utensils into proper bins after used.
Ray estimated kitchen staff w/ purchases was @\$600

Ray said goal is to Increase community in CCHS - something that is open to all students / attract everyone - students, parents, faculty

For 250th open up to parents in community (younger too) - Space & food quantity could be an issue. Ray talked about how to expand into the courtyard etc. if you utilize space outside (tents 10x20 from Concord Rec) pilot in 2024.

Possibly use CCHS spaces: Gym, auditorium for performances, Patio (need power & cover / tent). Gymnasium could be an option to expand - Court asked about floor covering for gymnasium, Ray was unsure. If we expand, we need extra tables and tents.

Permits? "Made at home" covers those who make / provide food
Food trucks need permit / can be lumped into one- Melanie (Mardi says to refer to her)
Multicultural week has been discussed at CCHS

Julia proposed doing some type of multicultural festival at Emerson Field with food trucks, performances etc.

Ray said it would make sense to all get together to do once instead of numerous food festivals that compete for resources / volunteers

Student groups Geography or Model UN group take on a piece

Next steps: Start with Laurie Hunter

Ray suggested our group discuss what ideal situation/ refine vision would be and meet in the middle events.

Financing - Ray said class earmarks small amount but can't absorb cost for a bigger event

2024 Early March: consider weather, Ramadan - tentative date: Tuesday March 5th (5-7pm)

One idea: containers available for those observing Ramadan to take home and eat

CCHS Student govt will start really getting into planning in December prior to event

January start putting word out to families about participating

Could we do a multicultural cookbook - even digital?

If Concord250 does its own event when? Fall? Or Expand CCHS event March 2024 & 2025

We discussed doing something with the town and expanding it in future years. Can we expand enough to invite the town?

Do we expand and support OR preserve CCHS version and replicate Town one in Fall?

Joe said let's keep it a highschool event.

Carol suggested expanding Multicultural theme to run throughout course of the year - different orgs participate in various ways

Committee took vote and decided to move forward to support CCHS with multicultural event 2024 & 2025. Polly will follow up with Ray to confirm interest in supporting CCHS event.

VOX CONCORDIA

Polly gave update - she connected Di Clymer with Alicia Cleary to discuss next steps, including partnering with Library. Alicia is scheduled to be on zoom call with Di and members of her committee to further discuss.

OTHER

The Society of Colonial Wars wants to host something leading up to April 19 events

Wade Rubenstein Bike program wants to do bicycle trips "Sights around Concord" Monsters in the Basement Community Bike Ride (Engage with Charles River and Monsters in the Basement)

Steward of the Rivers would like to do something on rivers Jerry Frankil paddler, "steward of Concord's waterways"

Colonial Inn wants to do events - Polly will add venue to shared spreadsheet

Hilary Taylor working on list of all bulletin boards around town where you can post things

Ag Day - TriCon possibly hosting picnic (with music) on lawn following Ag Day market Molly will talk to Liz Bemis about Ag Day specifics.

Maynard is in charge of Picnic in the Park on actual 4th of July a band

500 National Guard assigned for it April 2025

Concord 2025 Master Calendar - Do they want every event with logo on it?

There is a need to focus on Mission Statement

How do we include members of groups such as COA? Maynard can talk to COA about participation

Can we customize news subscriptions for Concord 250 events from the town?

ESSAY CONTEST

Radha proposed Essay - "What do you envision Concord in future?" and forum where they present essay

Radha & Joe working on this

Court advised: give teachers enough time to incorporate into curriculum so it's not an imposition

Joe advised to find advocate (teacher) "bottom up instead of top down directive"

We will need to approach appropriate people in different schools

Joe approached Utopia / Futures class teacher (named Golding)

"What will exist in 50 years and how do you think about that today?"

Court mentioned former teacher the Concord Review - the only publication of academic high school student works

Holly suggested CCHS Constitutional Law teacher to discuss topics

Meeting adjourned 4:05pm

Polly Meyer took the Minutes for the 5/3/23 meeting.