DEEP MINUTES January 13, 2016 Danvers Educational Enrichment Partnership PO BOX 387, Danvers, MA 01923 978-777-8925 X-2215, Mark B. Strout, Secretary www.supportdeep.org

<u>Mission Statement:</u> To enrich Danvers Public Schools' educational process through a unique partnership comprised of schools, community volunteers and businesses.

SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2016 – DEEP SPELLING BEE, DHS AUDITORIUM 6:00-8:00

2016 MEETING DATES:

February 10, 2016 March 9, 2016 April 13, 2016 May 11, 2016 June 8, 2016

2016 Officers

President – Mary Beth Verry Vice President – Donna Hopkins Treasurer – Kevin Dillon Secretary – Mark Strout

Teacher Memberships: \$10 per year *Non-Teacher Membership:* \$20 per year *Corporate Memberships:* \$250 <u>minimum</u> level

Sign up now! – Either send your check payable to DEEP at PO Box 387, Danvers, MA, 01923 – or go to the <u>www.supportdeep.org</u> website – or forward your check to the office of Mr. Mark Strout, Secretary, C/O DHS, 60 Cabot Rd., Danvers, MA, 01923.

<u>MEETING LOCATION</u>: ALL <u>meetings</u> are held at the People's United Bank Community Room, 7:45 AM. All are welcome to join us! (Located at 16-28 High Street) Contact Person – Mr. Mark B. Strout, Secretary, 978-777-8925, x2215.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH PROGRAM

VILLAGE AUTOMOTIVE GROUP – "*KEYS TO SUCCESS PROGRAM*" Tamara Strong – Danvers Hyundai/Volvo Village Danvers.

Members Present: Mari Matt, Ann Jones, Liz Matthews, Matt Schroeder, Kevin Dillon, Mary Beth Verry, Donna Hopkins, Dr. Lisa Dana, Rita Ward, Angela Tsiumis, Rebecca Somes, Karen Ranieri, and Mark Strout.

MINUTES: Motion made to accept the December minutes and passed unanimously.

TREASURY: Kevin Dillon reported that the *Operating Capital Account* total was \$44,795.35 as of last month. As well, he indicated that there is approximately \$4,000 in the PayPal account.

DEEP Spelling Bee: DEEP is proud to once again sponsor and host the HRMS Spelling Bee on February 11th at 6:00 in the DHS auditorium. A suggested donation to be collected at the door will be \$2. DEEP is going to award the winner a \$100 gift certificate, and a \$50 gift certificate to the 2nd and 3rd

place finishers. DEEP will also provide tee shirts for everyone, and pizza for the contestants to dine on before the competition begins. PLEASE plan on attending!

Martin Luther King Day Celebration: DEEP would like to invite everyone to attend the Town of Danvers *Diversity Committee's MLK Day Celebration* at Danvers High School, on Monday, January 18th, from 4:00-6:00 PM. **DEEP** is a *SPONSOR* of the *MLK Day Celebration*. PLEASE plan on attending! Bring the family! Food will be provided at no charge. We would like as many DEEP members as possible attend so that we may have a DEEP group photo taken at the event.

DEEP TEACHER GRANT PROGRAM: March 1, 2016 DEADLINE **APPLICATIONS ON-LINE:** MEMBERS ONLY!

Up to *\$20,000* has been dedicated towards the Teacher grants this year. The intent of the grant applications is to infuse innovative curriculum into the classroom setting at all grades. President Mary Beth Verry spoke to all of the elementary and HRMS faculty at a recent professional development day in the multi-purpose room. President Verry reminds everyone that *NO grant application will be considered without the individual principal's signature*. ALL grant applications should be forwarded to Mr. Mark Strout, C/O DHS, 60 Cabot Road, Danvers, MA, 01923.

CURRANS CARES: Just a reminder that DEEP is participating in the Curran Brothers Florist "Currans Cares" Program. This program will benefit the students and teachers in the Danvers Public Schools. Simply go online to <u>www.curransflowers.com</u> to place your order.

New Business: DEEP is *PLEASED* to announce that the Kiwanis Pancake breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 12th, at the Danvers High School cafeteria. PLEASE support this VERY worthwhile event.

Forester Financial – 403B's: It's OFFICIAL!

Be on the lookout for our new DEEP partners who are EXPERTS in the Massachusetts Teachers Retirement System. It is NEVER too early to start putting money away for your eventual retirement.

Riverside School Courtyard Garden: A request was put forward for DEEP to assist with the Riverside School courtyard garden being sponsored by Lowe's, Home Depot, the Boy Scouts of America, and concerned Danvers citizens. It was suggested that the Riverside faculty apply for a DEEP Teacher Grant to assist in the development of same, and to enhance the curriculum at the primary grades. As well, it was suggested that the Riverside coordinators get in touch with the DHS Community Service Coordinator, Ms. Joy LeBlanc, for potential volunteers to assist with same.

Next regular meeting is February 10, 2016, at the People's United Bank community room, 16-28 High Street, Danvers, MA, 01923, at 7:45 AM. Please use the parking lot entrance.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Strout, Secretary For: President Mary Beth Verry, Vice President Donna Hopkins, Treasurer Kevin Dillon, and Past President Gayla Bartlett