

DEEP MINUTES
November 18, 2015
Danvers Educational Enrichment Partnership
PO BOX 387, Danvers, MA 01923
978-777-8925 X-2215, Mark B. Strout, Secretary
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Mission Statement: 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

2015-2016 MEETING DATES:

December 9, 2015
January 13, 2016
February 10, 2016
March 9, 2016
April 13, 2016
May 11, 2016
June 8, 2016

2015-2016 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 minimum level

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

MEETING LOCATION: *ALL meetings* 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: Mary Beth Verry, Donna Hopkins, Kevin Dillon, Dr. Lisa Dana, Glenn Boutchie, Mary Wermers, Rita Ward, Jeff Liberman, Angela Tsiumis, Karen Ranieri, Paul Pawlak, Kyle Connolly, Ben Mitchell, and Mark Strout.

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

TREASURY: Kevin Dillon gave a complete report of the financial status of the corporation, and reported out that the ***Operating Capital Account*** total is **\$43,060.19**.

2015 Wine Tasting “FIRE & ICE” – The co-chairs and committee members including: MARY BETH VERRY, GAYLA BARTLETT, ANGELA TSIMUMIS, MARI MATT, KIM KAY, ANN BUTLER,

DONNA HOPKINS, and GLENN BOUTCHIE reported out that the event brought in approximately **\$23,000**. All of the proceeds from the Wine Tasting will go toward the DEEP Teacher Grant Program.

President Mary Beth Verry at mbverry@comcast.net, reported that the committee would like to get a “jump start” on next year’s event and will be meeting in January. Anyone interested in joining the committee **PLEASE** contact Mary Beth at the above Email address.

Martin Luther King Day Celebration: Paul Pawlak, representing the Town of Danvers DIVERSITY COMMITTEE, requested the assistance of DEEP in sponsoring the MLK Day Celebration at Danvers High School, on Monday, January 18th. Mark Strout made a motion that DEEP donate the same amount as last year towards the MLK Day Celebration, which amounted to \$500 to defray the expenses of said event. Motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

New Business: President Mary Beth Verry announced that she is investigating a new Amazon.com funding campaign that could possibly bring financial assistance to DEEP. She will wait until next month to bring the information to the board. It was also mentioned by Mary Beth that all of the individual school PAC’s need to obtain their own 501-C3 status since the IRS doesn’t allow anyone to use DEEP’s status.

Forester Financial – 403B’s: Ben Mitchell and Kyle Connolly, representing Forester Financial, came before the board to introduce themselves as new DEEP members and to let the Board know that they have a Grant Program that DEEP could possibly benefit from. Both Ben and Kyle let us know that Forester’s parent company is a Non-Profit Insurance Company. They are **EXPERTS** in the ***Massachusetts Teachers Retirement System*** and are constantly amazed by the misinformation about same. **PLEASE** be on the lookout for information in your mailboxes in the near future! They are **DEEP** Corporate Partners and seem to be **VERY** knowledgeable in the **MTRB** regulations. For those of you just starting and don’t know anything about 403B’s, it is “**pre-tax**” money taken from your checks and **invested** towards your retirement. It is **NEVER** too **EARLY** or too **LATE** to start thinking about this!

Next regular meeting is December 9, 2015, 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