

DEEP MINUTES

February 14, 2018

Danvers Educational Enrichment Partnership

P.O. Box 387 Danvers, MA 01923

Angela Tsiumis, 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.

2017/2018 Officers: President: Mary Beth Verry
Vice President: Mari Matt
Co-Treasurer: Michele Keith
Co-Treasurer: Glenn Boutchie
Secretary: Angela Tsiumis

2018 Meeting Dates: March 14, 2018
April 11, 2018
May 16, 2018
June 13, 2018 (Breakfast of Champions)

Teacher Memberships: \$10 per year

Family & Non-Teacher Memberships: \$20 per year

Corporate Memberships: \$250 minimum level

Are YOU a current Member? If not, sign up now! Either send your check, payable to DEEP, P.O. Box 387, Danvers, MA 01923, or sign up online at www.supportdeep.org. If you have signed up to be a member of DEEP and do not see your name on the attached membership list, please contact Mary Beth Verry at mbverry@comcast.net.

Meeting Location: All meetings are held in the First Ipswich Bank's conference room, 107 High Street, at 7:45am. All are welcome to join us!

Contacts for DEEP: President – Mary Beth Verry at mbverry@comcast.net, or Secretary – Angela Tsiumis at achristina5@yahoo.com, for any questions.

Members Present: Mary Beth Verry, Mark Strout, Mari Matt, Jeff Liberman, Adam Federico, Kevin Dillon, Cassie Foley, Ben Thomas, Richard Stoney, Glenn Boutchie, Rita Ward, Mary Wermers, Peg Sallade, Sean Emberley, Michele Keith and Angela Tsiumis.

Minutes: A motion was made by Mark Strout and seconded to approve the December minutes. All in favor and passed unanimously. There was no January meeting due to inclement weather.

Treasurer's Report: Michele Keith reported that we had a little activity on the account. A Save-A-Seat was sold, along with a membership, and money from the Bake Sale at the Spelling Bee, altogether totaling \$256.00. As of January 31, the Operating Account has \$38,654.52 in it. Our investments are in a conservative market and doing well considering the market dropped a bit. There is \$323,246.23 in our Morse and DEEP investments. A motion to approve the December Treasurer's Report was seconded and all were in favor, passing it unanimously.

Public Relations: On February 8, HRMS held their annual Spelling Bee at DHS. We would like to congratulate this year's winner, Emma Hatch, who is in the eighth grade. Emma also won the spelling bee last year, and participated in it the year before. She will be going to the Regionals in March. Good Luck at Regionals, Emma!!! We also want to give a "Shout Out" to all the participants in this year's Spelling Bee – a great job was done by all!

47 HRMS students participated in the spelling bee. Each participant was treated to pizza donated by Danvers House of Pizza, gift cards to Chick-fil-A, and t-shirts donated by George Koutsos. Thank you to the Speliotis Family, George Koutsos, and Chick-fil-A for their donations. Thank you to DCAT for taping the event, and to Mr. Federico and his staff at HRMS, along with Curriculum Directors Mary Wermers and Ellen Feerick, for making this year's Spelling Bee a great success.

Mary Beth, Mari and Angela attended PAC meetings to talk about DEEP, its mission and how everyone in the Danvers Public Schools benefits from it. Mary Beth and Ben from DCAT have started working on a video for DEEP.

Mary Beth and Mrs. D'Orlando will attend a Kiwanis meeting at Danversport on Tuesday, February 20, to speak about DEEP and to thank Kiwanis for being a DEEP Sponsor.

Teacher Grants: This year, all teachers applying for a grant will have to do so online. There will be no paper applications. An email was sent to all staff members advising them of the change. All of the information on applying for a grant, where to find the application, and the guidelines, can be found on the DEEP website. The last day to submit a grant application is Friday, March 16, 2018.

Last year, Virtual Headsets were purchased in fulfillment of a DEEP Teacher Grant for HRMS. The headsets were demonstrated at a School Committee meeting this past Monday. These Virtual Reality Headsets can take students to places they may never be able to go.

Keys to Success: Sean Emberley, Assistant Principal at DHS, advised everyone that the *Keys to Success Program* is up and running. Any student in grade 10 to 12 who shows student improvement, academic success, or good attendance may receive a chance to win a car that is being donated by Michaud Mitsubishi. Billy Costa from KISS 108 will MC the event on Friday, May 25, at 1:15pm. Thank you to the Michaud Family for being able to do this once again for one lucky student!

The Downtown Holiday Festival: In December, it was brought to our attention that the *Danvers Holiday Festival* would cease to exist because there was no one to run it. Mary Beth, Mari and Angela met with Susan Fletcher, who works for the Town of Danvers Department of Planning. She let us know what running the *Holiday Festival* entails. All the information was brought back to DEEP and shared with the members present. It was discussed and approved by the members present that DEEP, with the help of Susan Fletcher and Kevin Dillon, will run the *Holiday Festival* this year. Membership will revisit the topic next year to determine if DEEP will continue to run it. Ben Thomas from DCAT advised that he spoke with the Executive Producer from DCAT and they would consider possibly partnering with DEEP to help coordinate the event.

MLK Event: The event, held at the high school on Martin Luther King Day, was a great success. The food provided by Food Services was delicious; the speakers, music, and student artwork, all exceptional. Thank you to Paul Pawlak and the Diversity Committee for another wonderful event.

New Business: Glenn Boutchie and First Ipswich Bank are hosting *Credit 4 Life* for all DHS seniors. The program will be held at North Shore Community College on Monday, March 12, from 9:00am to 1:00pm. This 4-hour financial decision-making simulation will teach students basic financial management skills. Volunteers are needed to help run the event. If you are interested, please contact Glenn at gboutchie@firstipswich.com.

DanversCARES: Peg Sallade advised that internet safety expert, Katie Greer, will be speaking in the Danvers High School Auditorium on Wednesday, March 14, at 7:00pm. The program is open to the public, but is for adults only. Ms. Greer will be visiting HRMS and DHS during the day to speak to students. This is a good opportunity for parents to learn – along with their kids – about cyberbullying laws, the latest apps, games, social networking, safety rules, etc.

DECA: Megan Beaulieu, coordinator of DECA, submitted a request for \$2,500 in financial support to assist DECA students who need financial assistance in order to attend the State Competition in March. It costs each student \$450 to compete. A motion was made by Mark Strout, seconded and passed unanimously, to award DECA the \$2,500.

Mark Strout advised us that Essex Tech will be hosting the *Taste of the Essex Tech Community* on March 3 from 3:00 to 6:00pm. You will be able to sample food from many local restaurants, including Breakaway, Burtons Grill, Texas Roadhouse and Four Points by Sheraton. The cost of the event is \$10 per person.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 7:45am. Please join us...we would love to see you there.

2018 DEEP Memberships

Individual Memberships

Amber Adair
Marie Archung
Kristina Aste-Mayer
Charlotte Calnek
Cathy Carey
Maureen Carroll
Kathryn Coggeshall
Michele DeMaino
Maria DiChiara
Scott Ferris
Stephanie Gouker
Mariann Illingworth
Tracy Larrabee
Joanne Lennon
Cindy Nofle
Lindsay Perry
Leonina Russo
Chris Sawyer
Anne Shea
Emily Smith
Mary Tatem
Ann Tricca
Renate Uhlig
Debra White

Family Memberships

Phyllis Boyd and Charles Desmond
Jason Colombino & Family
Pam and Jeff Crum & Family
Lisa Dana & Family
Sean Emberley & Family
Adam Federico & Family
Ellyn Feerick & Family
Paula Jones & Family
Michele Keith & Family
Maryann Kowalski & Family
Mari Matt & Family
Jennifer Napolitano & Family
Connie Pawlak & Family
Barbara Remon & Family
Matthew Schroeder & Family
Kimberly Silva & Family
Rebecca Somes & Family
Andrew and Tanea St. Pierre
Mark Strout & Family
Angela Tsiumis & Family
Mary Beth Verry & Family
Rita and Jack Ward
John White & Family

Corporate Memberships

American International College/K-12 Teachers Alliance
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BG Financial Services Group
Chick-fil-A
Cornerstone Financial Partners
DCAT
First Ipswich Bank
Foresters Financial
Mathnasium North Beverly
Merchants Liquor Mart
Michaud Mitsubishi
Montserrat College of Art
North Shore Swim Club
Sylvan Learning Center
The Essex Sports Center (Learn to Ice Skate)
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