

## DEEP Minutes

September 19, 2018

Danvers Educational Enrichment Partnership

P.O. Box 387, Danvers MA 01923

Angela Tsiumis, Secretary

[www.supportdeep.org](http://www.supportdeep.org)

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

**2018/2019 Officers:** President: Mary Beth Verry  
Vice President: Mari Matt  
Co-Treasurer: Michele Keith  
Co-Treasurer: Glenn Boutchie  
Secretary: Angela Tsiumis

### Time to renew your DEEP Memberships!!!

If you are not a current member, sign up now! Either mail your check, payable to DEEP, to P.O. Box 387, Danvers, MA 01923, or sign up online at [www.supportdeep.org](http://www.supportdeep.org).

**Teacher Memberships:** \$10 per year

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

**Corporate Memberships:** \$250 minimum level

**2018/2019 Meeting Dates:** October 17, 2018  
November 14, 2018  
December 12, 2018  
January 16, 2019  
February 13, 2019  
March 13, 2019  
April 10, 2019  
May 15, 2019  
June 12, 2019 ~ Breakfast of Champions at DHS

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

**Contacts for DEEP:** If you have any questions, comments or ideas, please feel free to contact either Mary Beth Verry at [mbverry@comcast.net](mailto:mbverry@comcast.net), or Angela Tsiumis at [achristina5@yahoo.com](mailto:achristina5@yahoo.com).

**Members Present:** Mark Strout, Dr. Lisa Dana, Mari Matt, Michele Keith, Ben Thomas, Adam Federico, Donna Hopkins, Jill Michaud, Rita Ward, Sean Emberley, Greg Dolan, Cassie Foley, Mary Wermers, Glenn Boutchie, Kevin Dillon, Mary Beth Verry and Angela Tsiumis.

**Minutes:** Angela provided the members with the May minutes and a recap of DEEP's accomplishments in May and June. A motion was made by Mark Strout and seconded to approve May minutes and the recap. All in favor and passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Michele advised that DEEP memberships have been coming in and the insurance for DEEP has been paid. Currently, the DEEP Operating Account has \$4,536.38 in it, which is roughly where we should be after giving out the Teacher Grants in June. The Morse Investment currently has \$208,957.26 and the DEEP Investment has \$115,774.32. Between the Operating Account and the Investments, we have \$329,267.96. If funds get low, we will use some of the interest off of the Investments. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. All in favor and passed unanimously.

**Public Relations:** DEEP has found several ways to keep everyone informed of up and coming events. We have a Facebook page under *Danvers Educational Enrichment Partnership*. If you have not already done so, go on and like our page. Also, follow DEEP on Instagram under deepdanvers and on Twitter at @DEEPDANVERS, to stay in the know.

**Wine Tasting:** This year's Wine Tasting we will be celebrating 20 years with a *Red Carpet*-themed evening. It will be held at the Danversport (formally the Yacht Club) on Thursday, October 25, from 6 to 9 PM. The cost is \$40 and tickets can be purchased at Merchants Liquor Mart, from Maria DiChiara in the DPS Central Office at DHS, or online at: <http://supportdeep2018.eventzilla.net/>.

In the Electric Light Bill there was an insert for the Wine Tasting and for the Holiday Festival. Thank you to Minuteman Press for printing & donating the inserts.

DEEP will be at the open house for DHS on Thursday, September 27 at 6:00 PM and at HRMS on Thursday, October 4, to hand out info on DEEP regarding memberships and the Wine Tasting.

A Wine Tasting Flyer will go home to every elementary school student in Danvers advising parents of the day and time of the event.

A press release regarding the Wine Tasting will be in the paper and on the DCAT Community Calendar.

DEEP is asking if you know anyone who may be interested in purchasing a Sponsorship for the Wine Tasting, please contact Mary Beth Verry at [mbverry@comcast.net](mailto:mbverry@comcast.net). If anyone can donate to the Wine Tasting, we are looking for gift certificates for \$25.00 and raffle items. Banner for the Wine Tasting will be hung the Week of October 8 in Downtown Danvers.

There will be a sign-up genius again for anyone looking to volunteer for the event. We would be looking for people to set up, break down, etc.

A big thank you to Kiwanis for their \$1000 Sponsorship of the DEEP Wine Tasting!

**The Downtown Holiday Festival:** DEEP will be running this year's Downtown Holiday Festival. Mary Beth Verry, Mari Matt, Angela Tsiumis and Kevin Dillon are meeting with Susan Fletcher at Danvers Town Hall on Thursday to discuss getting businesses to participate in this year's event. The Holiday Festival will be on Saturday, December 1, from 2 to 6. There will be a DJ, singers, activities for the children, Santa and, of course, the Tree Lighting. The banner for the Holiday Festival will be hung in Downtown Danvers the last week of November. We will need volunteers to help make this year's Festival a successful one. If you are interested feel free to let us know.

**New Business:** Mark Strout mentioned that Falconize is going to perform in Spain at an international competition during April school vacation. Falconize is selling t-shirts and hosting a 21+ evening at Breakaway on September 28 at 7 PM to help defray the group's travel expenses. There will be pizza and salad, along with raffles and a silent auction and some entertainment. There are other ways to support this talented group's efforts to raise money for the trip, even if you're unable to attend the night at Breakaway. You can do that by visiting their website: [www.dhsfalconize.com](http://www.dhsfalconize.com).

Rita Ward principal of Thorpe mentioned that the library aide ordered new equipment for the Thorpe Learning Commons with donations made to DEEP in memory of former Teacher Donna Cahill.

Adam Federico, Principal at HRMS, advised that this year they have started up a Sewing Club!

Sean Emberley, Assistant Principal at DHS, advised that they had a great turnout of students that signed up for either a DHS team, club and/or activity last week. He also mentioned that sign ups for DECA were at an all-time high.

Mary Wermers, Assistant Superintendent, advised that the Curriculum Center at the High School has the new printer that was provided by a DEEP Administrative Grant. It is up and running and able to print posters!

Dr. Dana, Superintendent of the Danvers Public Schools, advised that the Smith School project is moving forward You will be able to go to the Town of Danvers website and click on Smith School on the main page to keep up with all updates.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, October 17, at 7:45 AM at the First Ipswich Bank on High Street. We would love to have you join us!