

DEEP Minutes

November 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.

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 Membership!!!! If you are not a current member, sign up now! Either mail your check (payable to DEEP) to PO Box 387, Danvers, MA 01923, or sign-up online at www.supportdeep.org.

Teacher Memberships: \$10 per year
Family & Non-Teacher Memberships: \$20 per year
Community Partner Memberships: \$100
Corporate Memberships: \$250 minimum level

2018/2019 Meeting Dates:
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 AM. Thank you to Glenn Boutchie and his staff for having us. All are welcome to join us!

Contacts for DEEP: If you have any questions, comments or ideas, please contact either Mary Beth Verry at mbverry@comcast.net, or Angela Tsiumis at achristina5@yahoo.com.

Members Present: Mark Strout, Jeff Liberman, Dr. Lisa Dana, Mari Matt, Ben Thomas, Michele Keith, Donna Hopkins, Sean Emberley, Mary Wermers, Richard Stoney, Cassie Foley, Mary Beth Verry, Adam Federico and Angela Tsiumis.

Minutes: October minutes were provided by Angela, approved by Mark Strout, seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Michele advised that the Wine Tasting made \$21,235.00; with expenses of \$2,919.00, we netted \$18,406.00. Kudos to all involved in such a fabulous evening! Michele also advised that the Investments are down a bit but will be fine. We will continue to ride it out. Sponsorships are up this year, as were the ticket sales for the Wine Tasting. As of now, the Operating Account has \$24,771.32, the Morse Investment has \$198,770.98, and the DEEP Investment Account has \$110,134.27, for a total of \$333,676.57 between Operating and Investments. A motion regarding the Treasurer's Report was made by Mark Strout, seconded and passed unanimously.

Public Relations: The Wine Tasting was in the *Danvers Herald* with a nice write-up by Myrna Fearer. The Wine Tasting banner was damaged while it was up and will need to be repaired.

Wine Tasting: Mary Beth advised that, as you can see from the Treasurer's Report, the Wine Tasting was a great success. She thanked everyone for their hard work – without the committee, volunteers, sponsors, Merchants Liquor Mart and the Danvers Public Schools, the evening could not have been possible. This year, the Wine Tasting celebrated its 20th year. The question came up about whether to do it again or investigate doing something else. Will revisit in January as we will need to reserve the Danversport.

Downtown Holiday Festival: The event will take place on Saturday, December 1, from 2:00 to 5:00. The committee will be meeting with Susan Fletcher today to go over last-minute logistics. The banner will be going up downtown the week of November 26. DEEP will have a face painting table with Danvers High School students painting faces. The Falcon's Nest will be there selling some of their Falcons products, and Adam Federico, principal at HRMS, will check to see if the Hawk's Nest would also like to participate. There are numerous businesses downtown that are participating, whether they are giving out popcorn or selling slices of pizza, etc. Volunteers will be downtown at 1:00 for set-up. If anyone would like to volunteer, feel free to reach out to Mary Beth Verry, Mari Matt or Angela Tsiumis. Rumor has it Santa should be arriving via a Danvers Fire Truck to help light the tree!

New Business: Alex Grover, Choral Director at DHS, spoke about the trip that *Falconize* will be taking to Spain in June. They are traveling to the International A Cappella Festival and have been doing a lot of fundraising to help defray the cost of the trip for families. To date, they have raised \$12,000. When *Ingrid Sound* went to Memphis, DEEP granted them \$1,000.00 towards their fundraising. A motion was made by Mark Strout that we do the same for *Falconize*, however granting them \$1,500.00 due to traveling internationally. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Good luck, *Falconize*!

DHS Academy Theatre will be performing *Les Misérables* at Danvers High School this weekend. Opening night is Thursday, November 15. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students.

The HRMS Spelling Bee will be taking place on Thursday, February 7, 2019, with a snow date of Thursday, February 14. In the past, George Koutsos has sponsored the t-shirts for the event. We will be looking to see if he would be interested in doing it once again or if we have to find another sponsor.

Sean Emberley, assistant principal at DHS, advised that DECA went to a Shark Tank event, with Danvers winning first overall and Shelby Johnson winning most dynamic presenter. On

November 20, DECA will be hosting *Falcons Finest* in the DHS Auditorium from 6:00 to 9:00pm. Seniors will compete in fashion, talent and interview categories, and one person will be crowned as Falcons Finest. DECA is also working with Smith School students, teaching them about entrepreneurship.

This year, the Morse brothers will be honored at the *Blue and White Hall of Fame*.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, December 12, at 7:45 AM at the First Ipswich Bank on High Street. DEEP would like to wish everyone a wonderful and Happy Thanksgiving. See you in December.