

DEEP Minutes

December 12, 2018

Danvers Educational Enrichment Partnership
P.O. Box 387, Danvers, MA 01923
Angela Tsiumis, Secretary
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 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

2019 Meeting Dates:
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 contact either Mary Beth Verry at mbverry@comcast.net, or Angela Tsiumis at achristina5@yahoo.com.

Members Present: Mark Strout, Ben Thomas, Paul Pawlak, Kevin Dillon, Mari Matt, Dr. Colombino, Michele Keith, Jeff Liberman, Mary Wermers, Jill Michaud, Mary Beth Verry, Glenn Boutchie and Angela Tsiumis.

Minutes: Angela provided everyone with the November minutes which were approved by Mark Strout, seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report: Michele advised that as of now, the DEEP Operating Account has \$23,840.89 in it. Investments are up a bit with the Morse Investment at \$200,729.56 and the DEEP Investment Account at \$111,210.83. We have had some membership money come in, as well as some money from the Wine Tasting. \$1,500.00 was approved in November for Falconize, and \$500.00 was approved and paid out to the MLK Celebration. The minutes were approved by Mark Strout, seconded and passed unanimously.

Public Relations: Mary Beth updated everyone on the Danvers Holiday Festival that was held on December 1. If you were there you saw how successful it was. If you were not, take our word for it, there were so many people that Santa was having a hard time making it down to the tree! Overall, it was a very successful afternoon and it would not have been that successful had we not had the help of volunteers; businesses; our sponsors; Danvers Police, Fire, and DPW; Falconize, Ingrid Sound, Hawks and Harmony, the students who volunteered to do face painting and help with the arts and crafts table, along with so many other people – we thank you! We also were honored to have a full-page article done by the *Salem News* on all the day's festivities.

Spelling Bee: Mary Wermers advised that the Spelling Bee will be held at the DHS auditorium on Thursday February 7, 2019 starting at 6:00 P.M. Mary is working with the Art Department on a design that will go on the t-shirts for all the students who will be participating. The winner on February 7th will go to Lynn for the regional competition and the opportunity to participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. DEEP will reach out to see if there is anyone who would be interested in sponsoring this year's t-shirts.

MLK Day Tribute: Paul Pawlak spoke about the tribute that will take place on Monday, January 21, from 2:00 to 6:00 at the DHS Atrium. The Inclusion and Human Rights Committee is very grateful for the support that DEEP continues to provide to help this great event. Every year it gets bigger and bigger, with artwork from elementary and HRMS students, along with various singing groups, speakers and some treats to eat.

Fundraising: If you order online through Currans, we are part of the Currans Cares Program. Click on DEEP and Currans will donate part of the proceeds. Also, we are still running the Save A Seat. You can purchase a seat in the DHS Auditorium for \$100.00 which comes with a personalized plate on the arm of the chair. All of this info can be found on our website.

New Business: Dr. Colombino, principal at DHS, spoke about how well the Biomedical classes are going at the high school. There was also a great article about it in the *Salem News*. Everyone at Monday's School Committee meeting was lucky enough to see a presentation on it.

Jeff Liberman advised that he is working with a research company in Cambridge to make Google Glasses to help children who are on the spectrum make direct eye-to-eye contact while wearing the glasses. There is a monitor on the top which helps the student identify what the person is saying. Amazing!

Teacher Grants will go live in February, so teachers get ready!

Our next meeting takes place on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 7:45 A.M. We would love to have you join us!

On behalf of the Executive Board and Board Members of DEEP, we would like to wish each and every one of you a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season and look forward to our continued success.