

## **DEEP Minutes**

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Danvers Educational Enrichment Partnership

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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.

**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

**Community Partner Memberships:** \$100

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

**2019 Meeting Dates:** February 13, 2019 at the Holten-Richmond Middle School  
March 13, 2019  
April 10, 2019  
May 15, 2019  
June 12, 2019 ~ Breakfasts 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. Feel free to join us, we would love to have you.

**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, Jeff Liberman, Ben Thomas, Michele Keith, Cassie Foley, Dr. Jason Colombino, Adam Federico, Dr. Lisa Dana, Mary Wermers, Rich Stoney, Mari Matt, Glenn Boutchie, Mary Beth Verry and Angela Tsiumis.

**Minutes:** Angela provided everyone with the December minutes which were approved by Mark Stout, seconded and passed unanimously.

**Treasurers Report:** Michele advised it has been a quiet month. DEEP spent \$400.00 towards the Holiday Tree Lighting and sold a chair, leaving \$23,896.70 in the Operating Account. The Morse Investment and DEEP Investment dropped about \$12,000.00 due to the Market, leaving \$192,936.37 in the Morse Investment and \$106,897.98 in the DEEP Investment. Mark Strout approved the Treasurers Report, seconded and passed unanimously.

**Public Relations:** There was a lot of good publicity regarding the Danvers Holiday Festival and people are still talking about its great success.

The HRMS Spelling Bee will be held in the DHS Auditorium on Thursday, February 7, 2019 starting at 6:00 P.M. The snow date is Thursday, February 14. Students participating in the Spelling Bee will be fed pizza, donated by Danvers House of Pizza, prior to the event. A Bake Sale will also take place. Volunteers are needed to help make it a successful evening. If you can help, please email Mary Beth Verry at [mbverry@comcast.net](mailto:mbverry@comcast.net).

Teacher Grants will open next month and will be available online only! All information on applying for a Grant, where to find the application and the guidelines, can be found on the DEEP website.

**New Business:** A request came in from the Danvers High School MUN (Model United Nations) Team looking for a donation from DEEP to help defray the cost of a 3-day conference, hosted by Boston College, that is being held at the Westin Copley in Boston. A motion by Mark Strout was made to donate \$500.00, seconded and passed unanimously.

*Step Up for Colleen 5K Walk/Run* sent in a letter thanking DEEP for sponsoring the walk last year and asking if we would like to sponsor it again this year. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to sponsor the Colleen Ritzer Walk for \$500.00.

Northshore ARC also sent in a request to accommodate books for students who are attending an event at the Cummings Center. Unfortunately, we had to deny the request due to it not being in our budget.

DECA had 175 students go to the District Conference competition at Merrimack College earlier in the month. 145 qualified to compete at the State Conference in March. Each student needs \$450.00 to attend the conference and there are some with financial concerns. A motion was made by Mark Strout to give DECA \$2,500.00 to help defray the cost of going on to the State Conference competition in March. The motion was also seconded and passed unanimously.

The MLK Day Tribute is on Monday, January 21, from 4 to 6 P.M. in the atrium at DHS. It is a fabulous event with some socializing, various singing groups, beautiful artwork from our elementary and middle school students, speakers and some treats to eat. Come on by!

Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School is hosting a community-wide presentation of *If They Had Known* on Wednesday at 6:30 P.M. It is a documentary spoken by kids to kids and families about the risks of the current "party culture". Parents, guardians, grandparents, students, etc. are welcome to attend.

DEEP received a thank you letter from Falconize for the donation of \$1,500.00 that we gave them back in December to help defray the cost of their trip to Spain. The trip to Spain has been cancelled due to other schools cancelling. Alex Grover advised that they will now be going to Disney in Florida the first week of May. A motion was made to re-allocate the money from the Spain trip to the Florida trip, seconded and passed unanimously.

**DanversCARES:** Angela is the liaison person for DEEP and attends monthly meetings. She advised that DanversCARES will be holding their first Family Workshop on Tuesday, January 22, from 6 to 7 P.M. at the Peabody Institute Library. The topic for the workshop is *Developmental Stages* and would be of interest to any parent or guardian with children ages 5 to 11. The workshops are free and different ones will be held every month. For more information, go to <http://danverscares.org/program/family-workshop-series/>.

**Keys to Success:** Dr. Colombino, Principal at DHS, advised that the Michaud family will again be donating a car for the *Keys to Success* program. The program will be held on Thursday, May 23, instead of on the Friday. Thank you again to Michaud Mitsubishi and the Michaud family for all of your support and generosity to the students at DHS.

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 13, at 7:45 A.M. in the library of the Holten-Richmond Middle School at 55 Conant Street. If you can, feel free to attend. We would love to have you.