

DEEP Minutes

February 13, 2019

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

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.

Teacher/Individual Memberships: \$10 per year

Family Memberships: \$20 per year

Community Partner Memberships: \$100

Corporate Memberships: \$250 minimum level

2019 Meeting Dates:
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 or Angela Tsiumis at achristina5@yahoo.com.

Members Present: Mary Beth Verry, Jeff Liberman, Ben Thomas, George Koutsos, Melissa Re, Michele Keith, Mari Matt, Sean Emberley, Adam Federico, Rita Ward, Rich Stoney, Mary Wermers, Dr. Lisa Dana and Angela Tsiumis.

Minutes: Angela provided January minutes that were approved by Mari Matt, seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Michele provided an update and advised that Investments are up a bit, accounts look good and a couple of memberships have come in. Currently there is \$20,403.58 in the Operating Account; \$200,690.71 in the Morse Investment; and \$111,191.19 in the DEEP Investment; for a total of \$332,285.48. Checks have gone out for the funding requests that were approved last month. Minutes were approved by Mari Matt, seconded and passed unanimously.

DEEP / HRMS Spelling Bee: On February 7, The 10th Annual HRMS Spelling Bee took place at DHS. Isha Patel went 12 rounds to correctly spell the word “diadem” and then the championship word “tagine” to win this year’s Spelling Bee. Congratulations to Isha and all the participants of this year’s event. A special thank you to all of the local businesses and volunteers for their support of this year’s Spelling Bee and our students. This event would not be possible without you! Thank you to Cherry Farm Creamery, Chick-fil-A Northshore Mall, New Danvers House of Pizza and George Koutsos from CrossCountry Mortgage.

Teacher Grants: It’s that time of year -- teachers can now apply for a DEEP grant. Remember, you must be a member of DEEP to apply for a grant. The online application is up and live. Teachers can go online and apply up until March 29th. Information on where to find the application and guidelines can be found on the DEEP website.

Memberships: Welcome to our newest corporate members: Tanner City Auto School and North Shore Flag Football. Thank you for your support of our mission and the students of Danvers!

Old Business: DEEP is a sponsor of the *Step Up for Colleen Ritzer 5K Walk/Run*. The event will be held at Central Park in Andover on Sunday, May 5. Dr. Dana advised that the Colleen E. Ritzer Memorial Scholarship is expanding its program

The Massachusetts DECA State Career Development Conference will be held in Boston on March 7, 8 and 9. 138 DHS DECA students have qualified for the state competition and 2 have qualified for regionals. Best of luck to all our students!

New Business: Dr. Dana advised that on February 9, the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education, Jeffrey Riley, visited Danvers High School and met with students and Mrs. Beaulieu from DECA, students in Engineering and the DHS Chorus. The *Danvers Herald* wrote an article on how very impressed Commissioner Riley was with his visit to DHS. Kudos to all who make Danvers High School a great place to teach and learn!

DHS Assistant Principal Sean Emberley advised that the senior class will participate in *Credit 4 Life* at North Shore Community College on Tuesday, March 12, from 9:00 to 1:00. The 4-hour event helps students learn about financial decision-making and teaches them basic financial management skills. Volunteers are needed to help run the event. If you are interested, please email Glenn Boutchie at gboutchie@firstipswich.com.

On Thursday, April 11, the Danvers Rotary and State Representative Ted Speliotis are sponsoring the annual DHS Career Fair in the Vye Gym. All DHS students are welcome to attend. Last year, more than 50 businesses/organizations participated in the event.

This year’s *Keys to Success* will take place at Danvers High School on Thursday, May 23, at 1:00. From now until early May, students will be given the opportunity to qualify for a key that could possibly start a car that has been graciously donated by Michaud Mitsubishi. Students are recognized by teachers based on their academics, good deeds and attendance. We are also excited to have Billy Costa from KISS 108 returning as the announcer for the event.

On May 14, the North Shore Chamber of Commerce will host 900 North Shore students at the Honors Scholars Recognition Dinner. The dinner will feature DHS students who will speak along with choral music during dinner by Falconize.

The Falcon's Nest is working on their online ordering catalog which will be up and running soon.

Next year, Danvers High School will be adding the following new classes: CP (College Prep) Cyber Security – available to all grades; CP Human Body Systems – available to grades 10, 11 and 12; and CP Environmental Sustainability – available to grades 10, 11 and 12. All high school class information can be found on the Danvers High School website.

Saving the best for last! Adam Federico graciously hosted this month's DEEP meeting at HRMS. We had a tour of the Hawk's Nest school store, which opened a couple of years ago with some financial assistance from DEEP. The school store provides students the ability to learn about business communications, customer service and the products they are selling. Thank you to Mrs. D' Orlando and students for showing and telling us about all the great items you sell in your store. After the school store we took a tour of the library to see the Creation Station, where fun things are made, and the French Corner, where students can listen to and translate books in French. Both of these areas were sponsored by DEEP through Teacher Grants. We also witnessed students working diligently along with Mrs. Woo who was just named a 2019 Super Librarian by the Mass School Library Association. Congratulations, Mrs. Woo! Thank you, Mr. Federico, and the Holten-Richmond Middle School for having us!

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 13, at 7:45 A.M in the conference room at First Ipswich Bank, 107 High Street. Wishing everyone a great week off for February break. We look forward to seeing you next month.