

## **DEEP Minutes**

April 10, 2019

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

**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/Individual Memberships:** \$10 per year

**Family Memberships:** \$20 per year

**Community Partner Memberships:** \$100

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

**2019 Meeting Dates:** May 15, 2019  
June 12, 2019 ~ Breakfast of Champions at DHS at 8:30

**Meeting Location:** All meetings are held at the First Ipswich Bank's Conference Room, 107 High Street, at 7:45 A.M. Please 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, Rachel Hollingsworth, Jeff Liberman, Kevin Dillon, Ben Thomas, Dr. Lisa Dana, Michele Keith, Mari Matt, Sean Emberley, Mary Wermers, Glenn Boutchie, Mary Beth Verry and Angela Tsiumis.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Michele provided an update on our finances and advised that all money that needed to be paid out has been, except for the money for teacher grants. Michele also thought it would be a good time to pull money from the Investments to cover any extra expenses that we did not budget for. A motion was made to put \$7,500.00 from the Morse Investment and \$5,000 from the DEEP Investment into the DEEP Operating Account to cover extra expenses. A motion was made by Mark Strout to move money, seconded and passed unanimously. Michele will contact Cornerstone Financial to move the money. As of now, the DEEP Operating Account has \$13,544.78 in it, the Morse Investment has \$207,144.24 and the DEEP Investment has \$114,765.60, totaling \$335,454.62. A motion was made by Mark Strout to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded and passed unanimously.

**Teacher Grants:** Mary Beth advised that 18 grant requests came in and they are totaling around \$19,000.00. Currently, DEEP has budgeted \$15,000 for grants. Glenn advised that the grant committee is in the process of meeting and approving the grants that will be presented at the School Committee meeting on June 10.

**Membership Update:** A couple more memberships have come in this past month. Mary Beth thanked all the sponsors who have supported DEEP this year.

**Keys to Success:** Sean Emberley advised that cards are being handed out to students for the *Keys to Success* program. Students are very excited for the "Key Off" that is coming up on Thursday, May 23, at 1:00 P.M. in the Field House. Billy Costa from KISS 108 will once again be the MC for this great event. Thank you to Kevin & Jill Michaud of Michaud Mitsubishi for their sponsorship of this program!

**DHS Career Fair:** The Career Fair is Thursday, April 11, from 7:30 to 11:30 in the Vye Gym. There will be over 50 organizations and businesses for students to visit and learn about. Thank you to Representative Ted Speliotis, Danvers Rotary, and Guidance intern, James Sullivan, for making this possible for the students at DHS.

**Step Up for Colleen 5K:** DEEP is a sponsor of the *Step Up for Colleen Ritzer 5K Walk/Run* again this year. It will be held on Sunday, May 5, at Central Park in Andover. The money raised from the Ritzer 5K provides scholarships for students interested in a career in teaching. Registration is currently open at [www.stepupforcolleen.com](http://www.stepupforcolleen.com).

**DEEP Elections:** In May, DEEP will hold elections for a couple of positions that will be ending this year. An Executive Board meeting will be held to discuss the upcoming elections.

**Breakfast of Champions:** On Wednesday, June 12, at 8:30 in the Atrium at DHS, DEEP will honor Danvers Public Schools retirees and those who have made a special contribution to DEEP. Be on the lookout for your invitation.

**New Business:** A presentation was made at the recent School Committee meeting by DHS AP English teachers, John White and Jay McGillen about work they are doing with *The New York Times*. In their presentation, they mentioned that two students from DHS have been accepted into *The New York Times* Summer Academy Program. The students will be staying on the campus of NYU and taking classes on sports writing, etc. The cost to each student is over \$5,000. Mr. White and Mary Wermers each wrote requests to DEEP to see if there was any way we could provide some financial support to these two students.

Mark Strout motioned that DEEP donate \$500 to each student attending the NYT program. The total donation for the two students is \$1,000. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Best of luck to the two students in NY this summer as they proudly represent DHS.

**DanversCARES** is hosting its' *Light the Night Purple Walk* on Wednesday, May 15, at 6:30, at the Peabody Institute Library. This walk and community gathering supports awareness of opiate and other substance use in our community.

**Save the Date:** On Thursday, October 24, 2019, DEEP will be hosting its' 21<sup>st</sup> Wine and Food Tasting at Danversport. Stay tuned to learn what this year's theme will be!

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 7:45 A.M. in the conference room at the First Ipswich Bank, 107 High Street. Thank you, Glenn Boutchie and everyone at First Ipswich Bank, for accommodating us this year! See you next month.