

DEEP MINUTES

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Danvers Educational Enrichment Partnership

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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.

2019/2020 Officers: Co-President: Mary Beth Verry
Co-President: Mari Matt
Treasurer: Michele Keith
Secretary: Angela Tsiumis

2019/2020 Board Members: Glenn Boutchie, Kevin Dillon, Donna Hopkins, Jill Michaud, Richard Stoney and Mark Strout.

Memberships: TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!!!! If you are not a current a member, sign up now! Either mail your check, payable to DEEP, to P.O. Box 387, Danvers, MA 01923, or sign up online at <http://www.supportdeep.org/contribute/>.

Teacher/Individual Memberships: \$10 per year

Family Memberships: \$20 per year

Community Partner Memberships: \$100

Corporate Memberships: \$250 minimum level

2019/2020 Meeting Dates: December 11, 2019
January 15, 2020 – Danvers High School
February 2, 2020
March 11, 2020
April 8, 2020
May 13, 2020
June 10, 2020 – Breakfast of Champions @DHS

Meeting Location: December's DEEP meeting will be held at the First Ipswich Bank's Conference Room, 107 High Street, at 7:45 A.M.

Stay Up-to-Date: For the latest DEEP info, visit our website at www.supportdeep.org, and follow us on: Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/Danvers-Educational-Enrichment-Partnership-138165879539945/>), Twitter (<https://twitter.com/DEEPDanvers>), and Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/deepdanvers/>).

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Members Present: Mark Strout, Jeff Liberman, Dr. Lisa Dana, Richard Stoney, Mary Wermers, Rita Ward, Phyllis Boyd, Graham Bacheller, Jill Michaud, Mari Matt, Ryan Malfait, Glenn Boutchie, Michele Keith, Dr. Jason Colombino, Mary Beth Verry and Angela Tsiumis.

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

Treasurers Report: Michele provided her report and advised that Investments are doing well. October was a big month with our biggest event of the year. The Wine Tasting netted over \$10,600. We are still waiting on some sponsorship checks which will appear on next month's report. Currently, there is \$20,928.00 in the DEEP Operating Account; \$209,033.01 in the Morse Investment and \$114,901.37 in the DEEP Investment; for a total of \$344,862.38 between the three accounts. Mark Strout approved the October Treasurer's Report, it was seconded and passed unanimously.

Public Relations: Thank you to Myrna Fearer who wrote a nice article in the paper on the Wine Tasting.

Wine Tasting Recap: First, a huge Thank You to all of the volunteers and sponsors, this evening could not happen without your help and support. Attendance was down this year, but we were still very happy with our event. The Wine Tasting has been going on for 21 years and competing with lots of other organizations. It might just be time to do something different. The Co-Chairs will meet after the first of the year to brainstorm on other options.

Teacher Grants: Mari advised that DEEP is going to test doing two rounds of Teacher Grants this year. Teachers can apply online in December, and again in the spring. All information on applying for a grant (where to find the application and guidelines) can be found on the DEEP website. A big thank you to Jeff Liberman for getting all of this set up for us.

Downtown Holiday Festival: This year the Tree Lighting will take place on Saturday, December 7, from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. We are extremely excited to be co-sponsoring this event with DanversCARES. There are numerous local businesses participating in the event: East Boston Savings Bank will be hosting pictures with Santa at the bank from 2:00 to 4:30; Maple Street Church will have cookies and cocoa and a Living Nativity display; a few of our local school choral groups will be singing; and Essex Tech will be providing face painting. We will be posting on all our social media sites to keep everyone in town updated on all the festivities for the day and are anticipating a fun time for all that attend.

Thorpe Presentation: Thorpe School special educators were awarded a \$1,500 DEEP grant for *Sensory Hallways*. The *Primary Hallway* is utilized every single day, and Thorpe Principal Rita Ward could not thank DEEP enough for the grant. She advised that the *Sensory Hallways* have been a positive addition to the school, and that there were so many benefits to students having the opportunity to take a break, get out of their seats, and move around during the day. There is also an *Intermediate Hallway* with a couple of tactile activities on the wall. The idea was so intriguing to Board members that, at the end of our meeting, several of them checked out the *Sensory Hallways* and were even seen hopping and enjoying it themselves. Thank you to Rita for hosting this month's DEEP meeting and for the great presentation!

Old Business: Dr. Dana advised that the Smith School Building Project is moving forward. The groundbreaking was held in October and, come spring, you will see progress.

New Business: Mary Wermers advised that this year's HRMS Spelling Bee will be held at DHS on Wednesday, January 22, at 6:00 P.M. with a snow day of Wednesday, January 29. The Spelling Bee is earlier this year because it must be completed by January 31.

Dr. Colombino, Principal of DHS, advised that our fall sports teams had a great season and wanted to wish the Girls Volleyball Team luck as they were off to States today. DECA will complete at Merrimack College in December. They are in search of judges. If anyone is interested, please reach out.

Mary Beth Verry advised that the winter edition of the DEEP Newsletter will be going out soon.

Jill Michaud from Michaud Mitsubishi was happy to announce that they will again be sponsoring the *Keys to Success Program* this year. More info to come out after the first of the year. Thank you, Jill and Kevin Michaud, for your extreme generosity!

Today we were joined by one of our sponsors, Lincoln Investment. Ryan and Graham, Financial Advisors, advised that they can help with retirement plans for teachers, pensions, Social Security, and more. Lincoln Investment is located at 50 Dunham Road in Beverly.

While we had our meeting today, three DHS seniors were working on their DECA project in the room next door. We were lucky enough to have Nico Nadeau come over to talk to us about the project: *Shark Tank, Jr.*. He advised that he and his fellow DECA members meet with a group of Thorpe 4th graders once a week before school and teach them about how to be a respectful businessperson, how to market something and how to pitch their ideas. Kudos to Nico and the rest of Danvers High School DECA – you are an amazing group of young men and women!

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, December 11, at 7:45 A.M., in the conference room at First Ipswich Bank, 107 High Street. All are welcome to join us. On behalf of DEEP, we would like to wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving.