

DEEP MINUTES

April 10, 2013

**Danvers Educational Enrichment Partnership
PO BOX 387, Danvers, MA 01923
978-777-8925 X-2215, Mark B. Strout, Secretary
www.supportdeep.org**

Mission Statement: To enrich Danvers Public Schools' educational process through a unique partnership comprised of schools, community volunteers and businesses.

2013' MEETING DATES

May 8th

June 12th

DEEP ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE NOW!!

New DEEP Membership Guidelines:

Teacher Memberships: \$10 per year

Non-Teacher Membership: \$20 per year

Corporate Memberships: \$250 minimum level

Breaking News: Only teachers who are members may apply for the Teacher Grants beginning next year!

“DEEP Supports Teachers”

“Teachers Support Deep”

Sign up for next year now!---Either send your check payable to DEEP at PO Box 387, Danvers, MA, 01923— or Go to the www.supportdeep.org website---or forward your check to the office of Mr.

***Mark Strout, Secretary, C/O DHS, 60 Cabot Rd.,
Danvers, MA, 01923.***

***MEETING LOCATION: People's United Bank Community Room, 7:30 AM.
All are welcome to join us! (Located at 16-28 High Street)
Contact Person---Mr. Mark B. Strout, Secretary, 978-777-8925 X-2215***

***STUDENT OF THE MONTH PROGRAM
VILLAGE AUTOMOTIVE GROUP-- "KEYS TO SUCCESS PROGRAM"***

***Village Automotive “Key Off”—May 16th at
Danvers High School’s Dr. Deering Stadium at 1:00
PM. Come and witness one of our DHS students
win a car for being selected as one of our “Keys To
Success” recipients!***

Members Present: Matthew Schroeder, Glenn Boutchie, Gayla Bartlett, Maureen Gillis, Silvana Ortiz, Lauren Dalis, Kevin Dillon, Peg Sallade, Betty Pickering, Jeff Liberman, Liz Matthews, Julie Maynard, Rick Bettencourt, Sharon McManus, Rita Ward, Arthur Skarmeas, and Mark Strout.

Minutes: Motion was made to accept the previous month’s meeting minutes and passed unanimously.

Treasury: Glenn Boutchie presented the committee with his comprehensive April 10th treasurer’s report. The checking account balance stands at **\$15,928.40** and the total assets of the corporation stand at **\$268,099.62**. Glenn stated that of the \$14,760 in Teacher Grants that were approved, we still have approximately half of the amount in the checking account waiting for purchase orders to be written by the technology department of the DPS for technology items received by teachers. Teachers receiving technology items were presented gift certificates, which will be redeemed by the IT department of the DPS for their materials.

DEEP Teacher Grant Program: Glenn Boutchie announced that of the 68 grants, which were submitted for review by the teacher grant committee, 31 were approved. Glenn stated that the I.T. department would be responsible for purchasing technology items for anyone who had applied for a technology grant so that the software/hardware items could be purchased at “cost” and with no sales tax. A further discussion took place focusing on next year’s grant application, which will have some minor “tweaks” done to it. The biggest change to the grant application process is that for any teacher to apply for a grant, he/she ***MUST*** be a “**teacher-member**” of DEEP for a nominal \$10 tax-deductible contribution. **The following grant committee members were acknowledged: Arthur Skarmeas, Betty Pickering, Maureen Gillis, Maryann Kowalski, Sue Thomson, Curt Alboth, and co-chairs Glenn Boutchie and Sharon McManus.**

Public Relations: Gayla Bartlett reminded everyone that the *Save A Seat* advertisement would be in this week’s **Salem Evening News**, hoping to benefit the DEEP Technology Campaign. As well, Gayla informed the Executive Committee that our **Thorpe Library** fundraiser will be coming out and ready to be purchased by **May 15th**. The book is an illustrated story of the courtyard ducklings that reappear year after year. Books will be **\$20** and will be on sale at a number of different locations. DEEP has provided **\$7,500** as “**seed money**”, which will be recouped after the sales have been exhausted. ***The folks at Thorpe hope to raise \$50,000 to fund their new library.*** One thousand copies will be available for sale within the month.

DEEP Wine Tasting: Maureen Gillis reminded us that the event will take place on **October 24th---Save the date!** Glenn Boutchie announced that he has already booked the D.J. for the event. ***Volunteers needed!!***

New Business: Beginning in September, the meeting time for the monthly DEEP meeting will be **7:45 AM** to accommodate parents that might be dropping their children off at area schools. As well, Matt Schroeder explained to the committee what the **job responsibilities** for the first-ever paid employee of DEEP. The **job description** enumerated specific tasks such as: ***researching and writing private and***

governmental grants, reaching out to remind the members when their dues become payable, and expanding the corporate membership database, organizing the Hall of Honor, and any other duties assigned by the officers of the corporation. Further, Matt explained that the prospective employee will not be a 1099 “contract” employee of DEEP; instead, DEEP will submit funds to the Danvers Public Schools and the schools will remit payment to the employee as a stipended position in the schools.

Nominations: Peg Sallade volunteered to be the person to ask the officers as to what their intentions are for staying on the board, and any others that might be interested in running for positions. Peg will report back at the next monthly meeting, and elections will take place.

PLEASE consider becoming a DEEP member for only **\$20**. Teachers have a discounted rate of only **\$10** annually, which is tax deductible. It is a great way to support a true civic/business/school collaborative effort to bring about excellence in our schools! Purchase your auditorium chair on the DEEP website: www.supportdeep.org

Next meeting is **May 8th!** We meet at the Peoples United Bank Community Room at 16-28 High Street at **7:30 AM**. Meetings guaranteed to last no longer than 1 hour.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Strout, Secretary