DEEP MINUTES

January 8, 2014

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

<u>Mission Statement:</u> To enrich Danvers Lublic Schools' educational process through a unique partnership comprised of schools, community volunteers and businesses.

2014' MEETING DATES

February 12, 2014 March 12, 2014 April 9, 2014 May 7, 2014 June 11, 2014

DEEP Safety Fair: Saturday, January 11, 2014, Great Oak School, 12:00-3:00 PM. FREE EATS!!! This is a FAMILY event. FREE food sponsored by Texas Roadhouse and FREE drinks sponsored by McDonalds! Bring your kiddos for lunch and learn all about SAFETY in the home. Danvers Police and Fire, Lyons Ambulance, CHIPS, Chiropractors, Baby Seat Retailers, Bicycle/Helmet Retailers, etc. Come one/Come all. Tell your friends from out-of-town! NO cost to learn about "All Things Safety". Anthony & Rita Pasquale from United Martial Arts will be there as well.

Teacher Memberships: \$10 per year Non-Teacher Membership: \$20 per year

Corporate Memberships: \$250 minimum level

Sign up now!---Either send your check payable to DEEP at PO Box 387, Danvers, MA, 01923— or Go to the <u>www.supportdeep.org</u> website---or forward your check to the office of Mr. Mark Strout, Secretary, C/O DHS, 60 Cabot Rd., Danvers, MA, 01923.

<u>MEETING LOCATION:</u> People's United Bank Community Room, 7:45 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" Tamara Strong—Volvo Danvers.

Members Present: Lily Hamel, Dr. Lisa Dana, Glenn Boutchie, Loren Dallis, Gayla Bartlett, Diane Langlais, Kevin Dillon, Jeff Liberman, Rick Bettencourt, and Mark Strout.

Minutes: Motion was made to accept the December meeting minutes and passed unanimously.

Treasury: Diane Langlais presented the committee with a Balance Sheets. A motion to accept was unanimously approved. Total assets of the corporation stand at \$134,917.16. Unanimously voted to send a \$100 charitable donation to the Bob Raiche Fund in Bob's memory. Bob Raiche was a DEEP founding father who will be sorely missed by the entire Danvers community.

DEEP SPELLING BEE: The annual DEEP Spelling Bee will be held at the Liberty Tree Mall food court on **March 12th**. The time is 6:00 PM. Teams from the Holten Richmond Middle School's 6th, 7th, and 8th grade will be competing. DEEP will sponsor the event and purchase tee shirts for same. It was announced by Dr. Lisa Dana that this year, **Sara Redman** will take over from Mary Wermers in coordinating the event with

the Liberty Tree Mall management. As always, our Master of Ceremonies will be *Mrs. Julie Macdonald*, assistant principal of the HRMS. PLEASE lock the date into your calendars!

DECA: Mark Strout reminded everyone that the DECA contingent from Danvers High School was competing in the District Competition being held at the DoubleTree Hotel on Ferncroft Road on Thursday, January 9th from 8:00-2:00 PM. The DECA organization at DHS is the largest student run organization at the school, boasting in excess of 200 students, and supervised by Mrs. Meghan Symmes Beaulieu. Depending on the outcome of the "Districts", the DECA students will then move on to the "States" and then to the "Nationals". We THANK those DEEP members who have volunteered to be JUDGES at the DECA competition. Further, The Salem Evening News will do a story on the DECA/DEEP partnership which allowed the new Falcon's Nest school store to be stocked with specialty inventory via a \$4000 loan which the DECA students have already made their first installment payment back to DEEP.

Highlands School Cultural Fair: Lily Hamel from the Highlands PAC addressed the DEEP committee and informed us that the second (2nd) Highlands Cultural Fair will take place in March, and that they are looking for "culturally based" acts to add to their repertoire of performers. Specifically, they asked for a "larger" act, which prompted both Mark Strout and Dr. Lisa Dana to suggest the newly formed **DHS DANCE TEAM.** Lily Hamel also stated that they are looking for smaller acts as well eg. Irish step dancers, poetry readings, singers, etc. Basically anything that would enrich the Highlands School community view of global theater. Anyone who might be interested in performing is asked to contact the Highlands School for further information.

DEEP TECHNOLOGY CAMPAIGN: Jeff Liberman, K-12

Technology Director, stated that we still have needs that have to be met throughout the district. We are still looking for funding both in the private and public sectors to complete the K-12 technology plan. Once again, if anyone knows a relative or friend that works for a major corporation who might have "MATCHED FUNDING", or simply can give us a name of someone who might get us "headed in the right direction" within that company, to ask for a donation, please let us know! As well, DEEP plans on

showcasing all of the technology labs within the new DHS on "Dedication Day" which is tentatively scheduled for a Saturday in March.

DEEP TEACHER GRANT PROGRAM: Mark Strout stated that he will begin the process of making the DEEP Teacher Grant applications available some time in the very near future. Remember that you can apply individually for up to \$500, or MORE if you apply as a GROUP. Remember that the purpose of the DEEP Teacher Grant Program is to fund *innovative* curriculum within your classroom. It is also important to remember that the *more* people you effect with your curriculum idea, the *better* your chances of being funded are. Finally, you should know that we really don't fund items that should be taken care of within the "regular" school budget.

PLEASE consider becoming a DEEP family 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 **February 12th, 2014!** We meet at the Peoples United Bank Community Room at 16-28 High Street at **7:45 AM**. Meetings guaranteed to last no longer than 1 hour.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Strout, Secretary