

DEEP MINUTES
January 7, 2015
Danvers Educational Enrichment Partnership
PO BOX 387, Danvers, MA 01923
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www.supportdeep.org

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

2015 MEETING DATES

February 11, 2015	Riverside School 7:00 PM
March 11, 2015	Peoples United Bank 7:45 AM
April 8, 2015	People's United Bank 7:45 AM
May 13, 2015	Peoples United Bank 7:45 AM
June 10, 2015	Thorpe School 7:00 PM

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 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: Morning meetings are held at the 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. Evening meetings are held at the individual elementary schools at 7:00 PM as scheduled.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH PROGRAM

***VILLAGE AUTOMOTIVE GROUP-- "KEYS TO SUCCESS PROGRAM"
Tamara Strong—Danvers Hyundai/Volvo Village Danvers.***

Members Present: Matt Schroeder, Ashley Wheeler, Connie Pawlak, Rita Ward, Donna Hopkins, Liz Matthews, Mary Wermers, Jeff Liberman, and Mark Strout.

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

TREASURY: Diane Langlais had a previous commitment, and will have available at the next monthly meeting the financial status of the corporation for a two (2) month period.

HALL OF HONOR: Mark Strout stated that the Hall of Honor is to take place **March 5, 2015**, at the Danversport Yacht Club. All necessary preparations are currently being organized by the Central Office staff, under the direction of Dr. Lisa Dana. Matt Schroeder thanked Mark Strout for his nomination in the **Friend** of the Danvers Public Schools category. Kevin Noyes and Sue Tagg are the other H of H recipients whose nominations have already been made public. **Please SAVE THE DATE—March 5, 2015**

DEEP SPELLING BEE: Just as a reminder, Mary Wermers, K-12 Curriculum Director stated that the **DEEP Spelling Bee** would take place on **February 12, 2015**. Mary Wermers assured Mark Strout that the “logo” contest is taking place shortly, and that the winning logo will be forwarded on so that the printer will have enough time to have the contest shirts made, as well as the correct sizes for the participants. We thank our **Simon Mall** partner (Ashley Wheeler) for this early date, and the continued sponsorship of same. We would also like to extend our SPECIAL THANKS to Mr. George Koutsos for sponsoring the tee shirts for the event.

The event is held in the Food Court of the Liberty Tree Mall commencing at 6:00 PM. All levels, (Grades 6, 7, and 8) are represented.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION: This year, it will be held in the DHS atrium lobby, (free of charge), as a walk-in type of celebration where people may stay as long as they wish from 4:00-6:00 PM on MLK, Jr. Day. The Danvers High School chorus will be joined by the Elementary level chorus, in performing a number of musical selections for the public. As well, townspeople will be invited to read *segments* of the MLK, Jr. “***I Have A Dream Speech***”. Light refreshments will be served. This celebration will have an “*educational theme*” to it, commemorating the legacy of Dr. King. ***DEEP has agreed to be a sponsor for the event, and encourages full support of same.***

LEARNING COMMONS: *Jeff Liberman*, K-12 Technology Director, informed us that he submitted a “letter of intent” to the Cumming Center, applying for a grant to assist in funding the elementary **LEARNING COMMONS** campaign. The Cummings Center has responded to Jeff asking for “*additional details*”. Hopefully, this is a good sign that we might be considered for funding!

DEEP TEACHER GRANTS: ***Monday, February 23rd***, will be the deadline for grant applications to be turned in to Mr. Mark Strout, C/O DHS, 60 Cabot Road, Danvers, MA. Grant applications will be made available on our website, www.supportdeep.org shortly. We just need to have the new dates affixed to the grant applications on line. We have asked Maria DiChiara in the Central Office to make sure that the new dates are placed onto the website. As well, we want to remind everyone that the limit for a teacher grant is **\$500** per individual, but that multiple teachers can submit one (1) grant for a higher amount.

Glenn Boutchie is the CHAIR of the DEEP Teacher Grant Committee. Anyone, not employed by the Danvers Public Schools, who might be interested in serving on the committee can Email Glenn at Glenn.Boutchie@peoples.com

NEW BUSINESS: A robust discussion took place concerning the scheduling of evening meetings. It was agreed that we would keep the schedule as agreed upon for the remainder of the year (Except for April 8th which has been changed to a 7:45 AM meeting due to kindergarten registration) and then we would go back to morning meetings in the fall. All agreed that the business representatives find it impossible to attend at night, and that the majority of the PAC's are "straight out" with their individual school obligations.

Another item of new business was the Board of Directors roster and meeting attendance, bylaws of the corporation, and the nomination and election of a new slate of officers for the June meeting.

Next meeting is February 11, 2015, at the Riverside School. Time is 7:00 PM. Please come!

Happy New Year From The Executive Officers!!!

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Strout, Secretary
For: Gayla Bartlett, Glenn Boutchie, Diane Langlais