

DEEP MINUTES

September 18, 2019

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 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: October 16, 2019
November 13, 2019 – Thorpe School
December 11, 2019
January 15, 2020
February 12, 2020
March 11, 2020
April 8, 2020
May 13, 2020
June 10, 2020 – Breakfast of Champions

Meeting Location: All meetings (with the exception of our November and June meetings) 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/DEEPPDanvers>), and Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/deepdanvers/>).

Contacts for DEEP: If you have any questions, comments or ideas, please contact Mary Beth Verry at mbverry@comcast.net, Mari Matt at mattm@northshoreymca.org or Angela Tsiumis at achristina5@yahoo.com.

Members Present: Michele Keith, Mari Matt, Dr. Lisa Dana, Mary Wermers, Dr. Jason Colombino, Sean Emberley, Phyllis Boyd, Mark Strout, Richard Stoney, Mary Beth Verry and Angela Tsiumis.

Minutes: May minutes were provided by Angela, approved by Mark Strout, seconded and passed unanimously. There are no June minutes as we held our *Breakfast of Champions* in June to end the year.

Treasurer's Report: Michele provided a Treasurer's Report which was budgeted for a loss, and we had a gain. She expects to see a drop in interest rates over the next couple of years, which will then have us not seeing as much of a gain. In 2018 we looked good. In 2019, the Executive Board met and put a Budget together with more expenses than this year, hoping to come in higher with less expense. Insurance is paid and Michele will meet with Cornerstone Financial in November to go over finances and investments. As of August 31, 2019, the DEEP Operating Account had \$10,365.08; the Morse Investment had \$206,115.99; and the DEEP Investment had \$113,199.73, totaling \$329,680.80. Mark Strout approved the Treasurer's Report and the Budget for the 2019/2020 year. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Wine Tasting: This year's winetasting will be held on Thursday, October 24, from 6 to 9pm. at the Danversport Waterfront. The theme is going to be Country/Western. Some of the restaurants participating in this year's event are: Burtons, Kelly's Roast Beef, Danversport, Texas Roadhouse, Daniella's and Tony C's. Tickets are \$40 and are available online, at Merchants Liquor Mart, or from Sean Emberley at DHS.

We are in need of more food vendors, raffle items, gift cards and volunteers for the evening of the event. If you can provide any help, please reach out to either Mari, Angela or Mary Beth.

Downtown Holiday Festival: We have this back on the agenda because DEEP was approached to see if we would consider doing it again this year. After much talk and consideration, DEEP decided to do it. It will take place on Saturday, December 7, from 3 to 5pm. Mark Strout approved DEEP to run the Holiday Festival for one more year and not to spend more than \$500.00 in expenses. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Teacher Grants: In June, DEEP awarded more than \$18,000.00 in Teacher Grants. In November, DEEP will hold its monthly meeting at the Thorpe School in order to see the new Sensory Hallway that was made possible through a DEEP Teacher Grant.

This year, DEEP is going to pilot Fall and Spring Teacher Grant cycles to give teachers the opportunity to apply for grants before the spring, if they wish. More information will become available after the Wine Tasting to see what we bring in for money. DEEP is also exploring the possibility of piloting a Student Grant Program. This is still in the works and will not be available until 2020.

Memberships: DEEP currently has 28 Corporate Members! We would like to welcome our newest corporate members: The Danvers Art Association, North Shore Dance Academy, North Shore Youth Rugby and Noble Financial Group. Thank you for your support of our mission and the students of Danvers!

Public Relations: This year, DEEP will have a Quarterly Newsletter. The first one will go out on October 1 to district families and staff. To have something included in the newsletter, you must be at the \$250.00 Sponsor Level. Entries must be submitted 2 weeks before the newsletter would go out.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 16, at 7:45 A.M at the First Ipswich Bank, 107 High Street in Danvers. We would love to have you join us.