

## DEEP MINUTES

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Danvers Educational Enrichment Partnership

P.O. BOX 387, Danvers, MA 01923

Angela Tsiumis, Secretary

[www.supportdeep.org](http://www.supportdeep.org)

**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:** January 15, 2020 – Danvers High School  
February 12, 2020  
March 11, 2020  
April 8, 2020  
May 13, 2020  
June 10, 2020 – Breakfast of Champions @DHS

**Meeting Location:** Meetings are held at The First Ipswich Bank's Conference Room, 107 High Street at 7:45 A.M. January's meeting will be at Danvers High School.

**Stay Up-to-Date:** For the latest DEEP info, visit our website at [www.supportdeep.org](http://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/>).

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

**Members Present:** Jeff Liberman, Dr. Lisa Dana, Mary Wermers, Mari Matt, Glenn Boutchie, Michele Keith, Dr. Jason Colombino, Mary Beth Verry and Angela Tsiumis.

**Minutes:** December minutes were provided by Angela, approved by Mari Matt, seconded and passed unanimously. We missed you today, Mr. Strout!

**Treasurer's Report:** Michele provided her report and advised that memberships are up and that there is \$25,327.43 in the DEEP Operating Account; \$212,026.59 in the Morse Investment; \$116,515.47 in the DEEP Investment; totaling \$353,869.49 between the operating and investment accounts.

Michele and Mari met with Cornerstone Financial to go over our investments and advised that we are doing well, should keep things the same, and continue to stay on the conservative side. Treasurer's Report was approved by Mari Matt, seconded and passed unanimously. Thank you, Michele!

**Public Relations:** Quarterly newsletter went out and looks great! Corporate Sponsors are on it and it goes out to over 4,500 people in Danvers. Thank you to Maria DiChiara for doing such a great job on it.

The *Herald Citizen* and *The Salem News* published the press release for the Downtown Holiday Festival. They covered the event, as well.

**Downtown Holiday Festival:** Thank you to Santa for making many children happy on Saturday, December 7. Special thanks to the Toomey family for their donation of this year's tree. Also, thank you to Essex Tech for providing face painting and 200 gingerbread cookies that went very quickly. Thank you to the local choral groups from DHS and HRMS for their performances, as well as to members of the DHS Band and Color Guard for leading Santa down Maple Street.

We are also very thankful to our sponsors, and the Danvers Police, Fire and Public Works Departments – without all of you this day could not be possible.

**Spelling Bee:** On Wednesday, January 22, the Annual DEEP/HRMS Spelling Bee will be held in the DHS Auditorium at 6:00 P.M. Students in grades 6 to 8 will compete for the opportunity to move on to the Regional Spelling Bee in Lynn in the spring. Mary Beth Verry is looking for a business to sponsor the 50 t-shirts that the students will wear during the Spelling Bee. If you are interested in being a sponsor for the event, please email Mary Beth at [mbverry@comcast.net](mailto:mbverry@comcast.net).

**Teacher Grants:** Mari and Glenn advised that the Teacher Grant application is up and running and teachers have started applying for grants.

**Memberships:** Memberships are up and the list has been updated as of 12/10/19, if you do not see your name on the list, please let us know.

**New Business:** We received an email from the Step Up for Colleen 5K thanking us for sponsoring the race last year and asking if we are interested in sponsoring again this year. A motion was made to become a Bronze Sponsor for \$500.00 again this year, seconded and passed unanimously.

**MLK Celebration:** Will be taking place on Monday, January 20, from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. in the DHS Atrium. The Danvers Human Rights & Inclusion Committee emailed DEEP to ask if we would like to sponsor the celebration again this year. A motion was made to support the celebration for \$250.00, it was seconded and passed unanimously.

**DECA:** Meghan Beaulieu asked us to pass along that she is looking for judges for the DECA Districts that will be held at Merrimack College on December 19 from 8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. You can sign up online at [massdeca.org/judge-request/](https://massdeca.org/judge-request/).

**Technology:** Jeff Liberman talked about virtual reality glasses that are wearable with a camera to help students build social interaction skills. Jeff also talked about other technology that the school district is looking into possibly obtaining in the future.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at Danvers High School. We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. Looking forward to seeing everyone in the new year!