

DEEP MINUTES

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Danvers Educational Enrichment Partnership

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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 Dillion, Donna Hopkins, Jill Michaud, Richard Stoney and Mark Strout.

Memberships: TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMERSHIP!!!! If you are not a current a member, sign up now! You can mail a 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: February 12, 2020
March 11, 2020
April 8, 2020
May 13, 2020
June 10, 2020 – Breakfast of Champions

Meeting Location: Meetings are 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/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, Mari Matt at mattm@northshoreymca.org or Angela Tsiumis at achristina5@yahoo.com.

Members Present: Jeff Liberman, Dr. Lisa Dana, Mary Wermers, Mari Matt, Glenn Boutchie, Michele Keith, Dr. Jason Colombino, Mary Beth Verry, Kevin Dillon, Mark Strout, Phyllis Boyd, Adam Federico and Angela Tsiumis.

Tour Classes: Dr. Colombino took us to two classrooms at DHS that have benefitted from DEEP grants in the past. Our first tour was of Tracie Ewing's Fundamental English class. The students were working with magnetic word tiles, one set that color codes the separate parts of speech, and another that has synonyms on the opposite side. The students are using these to learn sentence structure and to add interest to their simple sentences. We also visited Alex Carroll's Advanced Placement Chemistry class where students were using conductivity probes to determine the conductivity of an aqueous solution. Thank you to Ms. Ewing and Mr. Carroll for allowing us to visit their classrooms.

Minutes: January minutes were provided by Angela, approved by Mark Strout, seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Michele provided her report and advised that we are right on track. Payment was made to the administrative assistant, the MLK Celebration and the Ritzer Walk. There is currently \$22,391.69 in the DEEP Operating Account; \$215,331.76 in the Morse Investment and \$118,328.55 in the DEEP Investment, for a total of \$356,052.00 between all accounts. The Treasurer's Report was approved by Mark Strout, seconded and passed unanimously.

Public Relations: The MLK Celebration will take place on Monday, January 20, from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. in the DHS Atrium. DEEP is one of the many sponsors of this year's celebration. There will be light snacks, entertainment by several Danvers Public Schools choral groups, the Brandeis University a cappella group, guest speakers, student artwork and a video from SUFA (Students United for Acceptance).

Spelling Bee: On Wednesday, January 22, the DEEP/HRMS Spelling Bee will take place in the DHS Auditorium at 6:00 P.M. Approximately 40 students in grades 6 to 8 qualified to participate in the Spelling Bee. The winner will take a paper test to try and qualify for a spot in the regional Spelling Bee in March. Thank you to George Koutsos from CrossCountry Mortgage for his generous donation of the t-shirts that will be worn by the students during the Spelling Bee. Thank you to Laura and Jim Speliotis from New Danvers House of Pizza for their donation of the pizzas that students will enjoy before they take the stage. None of this would be possible without their generosity.

Teacher Grants: Mari updated us on the overwhelmingly positive response to piloting two rounds of grants this year, one being in the winter and the other in the spring. We have 18 grants, totaling almost \$24,000.00, and budgeted for \$15,000.00. A discussion was had to see if DEEP can support this first round of grants. After much discussion, our Investments have done well, all were in favor to withdraw from the Investments.

Glenn Boutchie made a motion to withdraw \$20,000.00 from Cornerstone Financial to help cover the grant request. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

New Business: 156 Students from DHS DECA qualified for the state competition that is being held February 27 to 29 in Boston. A request was made for \$2,500.00 to help assist the students that will be attending. A motion was made and seconded. This motion passed unanimously. Meghan Beaulieu is looking for judges. If you are interested, please sign up online at massdeca.org/judge-request/.

DHS Math Teacher Julie Glynn is forming a team for the *Colleen Ritzer 5K Run/Walk*, of which DEEP is a sponsor. The 5K Run/Walk will be held on Sunday, May 3. To join the team, register online at: <https://runsignup.com/RaceGroups/67138/Groups/719957>. If you sign up for the team, your team packets and numbers will be picked up for you. Ms. Glynn's goal is to have Danvers be the largest team yet, so spread the word!

Credit for Life: On Tuesday, February 25, from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., First Ipswich Bank will be conducting its annual *Credit for Life* Program for the graduating seniors at DHS. The program is an interactive, hands-on learning experience for the students on life as an adult with real-life financial decisions to make. More than 200 students will be participating and volunteers are needed to work various booths. Lunch will be provided. If you are able to help out, please email Glenn Boutchie at gboutchie@firstipswich.com.

This year, First Ipswich Bank will also be holding a *Credit for Life* Program for the Junior class of Essex Tech on Tuesday, May 5, from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. They are also looking for volunteers to work various booths with lunch provided. If you are able to help out, please email Glenn Boutchie at gboutchie@firstipswich.com or Mark Strout at stucco150@aol.com.

Keys to Success: Sean Emberley advised that the Key-Off for *Keys to Success* will happen on Friday, May 8, at 1:00 P.M. in the DHS Field House. Billy Costa from KISS 108 will again be the MC of this wonderful event that would not be possible without the generosity of Kevin & Jill Michaud from Michaud Mitsubishi. One lucky student from DHS will leave DHS with a car on May 8. More details to follow next month.

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 12, at 7:45 A.M. at First Ipswich Bank. Thank you and have a great month!