

## DEEP

Danvers Educational Enrichment Partnership

P.O. BOX 387, Danvers, MA 01923

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.

**2020/2021 Officers:** Co-President: Mari Matt  
Co-President: Mary Beth Verry  
Treasurer: Michele Keith  
Secretary: Angela Tsiumis

**2020/2021 Board Members:** Glenn Boutchie, Mark Strout, Kevin Dillon, Richard Stoney, Donna Hopkins and Jill Michaud.

**Time to renew your membership!!!** Send your check, payable to *DEEP*, to P.O. BOX 387, Danvers, MA 01923, or sign up online at [www.supportdeep.org/contribute](http://www.supportdeep.org/contribute).

**Teacher/Individual Membership:** \$10 per year

**Family Membership:** \$20 per year

**Community Partner Membership:** \$100 per year

**Corporate Membership:** \$250 minimum level

**2020/2021 Meeting Dates:**

December 16, 2020	April 14, 2021
January 13, 2021	May 19, 2021
February 10, 2021	June 16, 2021
March 10, 2021	

**Meeting Location:** Our meetings will be held virtually until further notice. A link will be sent out before the meeting. All meetings will start at 8:00 A.M.

**Stay Up-to-Date:** For the latest DEEP info, visit our website at [www.supportdeep.org](http://www.supportdeep.org); Facebook at: [Danvers Educational Enrichment Partnership](https://www.facebook.com/Danvers-Educational-Enrichment-Partnership/); Twitter at: [DEEPDanvers](https://twitter.com/DEEPDanvers); and Instagram at: [deepdanvers](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:** Mark Strout, Kevin Dillon, Michele Keith, Mari Matt, Mary Wermers, Richard Stoney, Sean Emberley, Dr. Lisa Dana, Jessie DelVecchio and Angela Tsiumis.

**Minutes:** September minutes were approved by Mark Strout, seconded and passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Michele provided her report and advised that everything is holding steady. She met with Cornerstone Financial to transfer \$15,000.00 from the DEEP Investment into the Operating Account to cover the \$2,500.00 in grant money awarded to each school. A check for grants in the amount of \$17,500.00, which will provide \$2,500 to each of the Danvers Public Schools, was dropped off to Dr. Dana. There is currently \$15,484.62 in the Operating Account and \$297,252.61 in the Investment Account. A motion was made by Mark Strout, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report.

**Public Relations:** Mari Matt appeared on DCAT's *Community Connection* to talk about DEEP and how we provide grants to the teachers in the Danvers Public Schools. She also spoke about this year's Virtual Downtown Tree Lighting program.

**Memberships:** Through October, we have recorded \$1,810.00 in memberships. If you would like to become a member of DEEP, sign-up online at: [www.supportdeep.org/contribute](http://www.supportdeep.org/contribute), or send a check to DEEP, P.O. Box 387, Danvers, MA 01923.

**Virtual Downtown Tree Lighting:** This year DEEP, along with DanversCARES, DCAT and East Boston Savings Bank, will be sponsoring a Virtual Downtown Tree Lighting. The air date for the Tree Lighting program will be Saturday, December 12. The program will be hosted by Ben Thomas from DCAT. There will be musical segments, stories, Santa will arrive by fire truck to light the tree, and other surprises. DEEP will also be offering residents the opportunity to purchase a personalized ornament, decorated by DHS students, to be hung on this year's tree. Mark Strout motioned to spend \$1,000.00 to cover the cost of ornaments and decorating supplies. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**New Business:** Mark Strout advised that Essex Tech will be holding a Virtual Gala this year. It will include a 3-course meal that can be picked up at the school. The gala will include a virtual auction and Joan Lovely will be a keynote speaker. Tickets are \$25.00 and can be purchased on the Essex Tech website.

Jessie DelVecchio is the Assistant Center Director for Mathnasium in North Beverly, and is looking to start virtual math nights in January. She would love to have the Danvers Public Schools included in the program, which will be done all online. Jessie will send out more information to Mary Beth and Mari regarding the program.

Dr. Dana spoke on behalf of DanversCARES, advising that on Tuesday, December 8, there will be a workshop for elementary school parents with speaker Linda Price from *Minding Your Mind*. She will discuss mindful parenting techniques, practical strategies

for managing family life, reducing your child's stress, anxiety and more. Please pre-register at: <https://event.webinarjam.com/register/170/oxl7kfvn>.

Mary Wermers spoke about the work Danvers High School is doing with adults and students this year on inclusiveness, acceptance, social justice, anti-racism, and that there is no place for hate. Lyla from DanversCARES; Max Leete, a senior at DHS; and various other groups are working together on this.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, December 16, at 8:00 A.M. via ZOOM. The link for the meeting will be emailed a couple of days before the meeting, all are welcome to join.

Happy Thanksgiving, Everyone!