

DEEP

Danvers Educational Enrichment Partnership

P.O. BOX 387, Danvers, MA 01923

Angela Tsiumis, Secretary

www.supportdeep.org

February 10, 2021

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: Mary Beth Verry
Co-President: Mari Matt
Treasurer: Michele Keith
Secretary: Angela Tsiumis

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

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.

Teacher/Individual Membership: \$10 per year

Family Membership: \$20 per year

Community Partner Membership: \$100 per year

Corporate Membership: \$250 minimum level

2021 Meeting Dates: March 10, 2021 May 19, 2021
 April 14, 2021 June 16, 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; Facebook at: [Danvers Educational Enrichment Partnership](https://www.facebook.com/DanversEducationalEnrichmentPartnership); 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, Mari Matt at mattm@northshoreymca.org or Angela Tsiumis at achristina5@yahoo.com.

Members Present: Mary Beth Verry, Mark Strout, Mari Matt, Sean Emberley, Michele Keith, Glenn Boutchie, Richard Stoney, Jessie DeVecchio, Dr. Dana and Angela Tsiumis.

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

Treasurer's Report: Michele provided the Treasurer's Report and advised that financials are still holding steady. More memberships came in and the t-shirts for the Spelling Bee were paid for. It has been a quieter month! Currently, the Operating Account has \$14,315.19; the Morse Investment has \$205,160.00; and the DEEP Investment has \$100,702.29; totaling \$320,177.48 between all accounts.

Membership Update: As Michele stated, we had a couple more memberships this month, and Cherry Farm Creamery and Montserrat College of Art renewed their corporate sponsorships. Thank you for supporting DEEP!

Spelling Bee: The HRMS Virtual Spelling Bee was held on January 26. It was an exciting night, with 8th grader Muhammed Cham (one of last year's runners up) going 11 rounds and winning. Congratulations, Muhammed! He will go on to take the written test in the hope of moving on to Regionals. Second place went to fellow 8th grader, Kirsten Jimenez. Congratulations to you both and to all the spellers who qualified for this year's Spelling Bee!

A special thank you to Mary Wermers and Ellyn Feerick for putting together a great evening, the volunteer judges, and to DCAT, New Danvers House of Pizza and Cherry Farm Creamery for their continued support of the event.

Public Relations: The DEEP quarterly newsletter went out. Mari Matt wrote a fabulous welcome from DEEP. We received an email from Montserrat saying what a great newsletter it was! Thank you, Mari and Maria, for putting it all together. There is the possibility of the next one going out in April. If there is something you would like to put in it, please reach out to Mary Beth or Maria.

DECA Update: The Virtual District Competition was held on January 26, with 250 DHS students participating with students from 13 different schools. 173 DHS students qualified for States. Congrats, DECA students!

On March 18, the students will virtually go on to States. Each will have to pay a \$50 fee to participate. Faculty Advisor Meghan Beaulieu sent in a request for \$500.00 to help those students that may need assistance. Mark motioned to approve \$500.00 to DECA, it was seconded and passed unanimously. Best of luck, DECA!

Fundraising: Mary Beth updated that, as of now, we have not gone forward with fundraising. She spoke with Michele about finances and, as of right now, we are okay. With all that is going on right now, she does not feel right asking anyone to spend more money or to spread the businesses in town any thinner than they already are. The consensus from everyone is to take this year off and start fresh in the fall.

Old Business: Sean Emberley advised that the Senior Class raised some money from the Whoopie Wagon fundraiser they held back in December. The class plans on doing something else to raise money and may need some assistance to help support their class.

The Band is going to Hawaii in December. At this time, no request has come in for assistance. DEEP will hold off on making a donation until a request comes in.

New Business: *Credit for Life* is being run by DECA students and sponsored by Brookline Bank again this year. It is being held today, as we speak. We are incredibly grateful to Brookline Bank for once again sponsoring this great event.

Jessie DelVecchio advised there will be another Virtual Math Night on Thursday, March 4, at 7:00 P.M. A flyer was put in the DEEP monthly newsletter. Family and friends of DPS are invited to join. There will be giveaways and games for the whole family.

Mark Strout advised that Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical High School received 1,400 applications for the incoming Freshman Class. The interview process is going on now. They can accept 300 Freshmen for the fall.

Our next Meeting will be via ZOOM on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. All are welcome to join us.