

## Danvers Educational Enrichment Partnership P.O. BOX 387, Danvers, MA 01923 Angela Tsiumis, Secretary www.supportdeep.org September 15, 2021

**Mission Statement:** To enrich Danvers Public Schools' educational process through a unique partnership comprised of schools, community volunteers and businesses.

**2021/2022 Officers:** President: Mary Beth Verry

Treasurer: Michele Keith Secretary: Angela Tsiumis Grant Coordinator: Mari Matt

**2021/2022 Board Members:** Glenn Boutchie, Mark Strout, Mari Matt, 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 <a href="https://www.supportdeep.org/contribute">www.supportdeep.org/contribute</a>.

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

Family Membership: \$20 per year

Community Partner Membership: \$100 per year Corporate Membership: \$250 minimum level

**2021/2022 Meeting Dates:** October 13, 2021 March 16, 2022

November 17, 2021 April 13, 2022 December 15, 2021 May 18, 2022 January 12, 2022 June 15, 2022

February 16, 2022

**Meeting Location:** Our meetings will be held at 8:00 a.m. in Room C213 at Danvers High School. We're hoping to schedule a tour and a meeting at the new Smith School. Date to follow.

**Stay Up-to-Date:** For the latest DEEP info, visit our website at <a href="www.supportdeep.org">www.supportdeep.org</a>; Facebook at: <a href="Danvers Educational Enrichment Partnership">Danvers</a>; Twitter at: <a href="DEEPDanvers">DEEPDanvers</a>; and Instagram at: <a href="deepdanvers">deepdanvers</a>.

**Contacts for DEEP:** If you have any questions, comments or ideas, please feel free to reach out to Mary Beth Verry at <a href="mailto:mbverry@comcast.net">mbverry@comcast.net</a> or Angela Tsiumis at <a href="mailto:achristina5@yahoo.com">achristina5@yahoo.com</a>.

**Members Present:** Mary Beth Verry, Mari Matt, Michele Keith, Mark Strout, Adam Federico, Mary Wermers and Angela Tsiumis.

**Minutes:** There are no minutes from June as we held the DEEP Breakfast of Champions outside at DHS. The breakfast was very well received.

**Treasurer's Report:** Investments are holding their own. We will be transferring money from Investments to cover the Teacher Grants. There is \$17,867.94 in the DEEP Operating Account; \$224,166.71 in the Morse Investment; and \$94,469.58 in the DEEP Investment, for a total of \$336,504.23 between all accounts. Mark Strout approved the Treasurer's Report. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Fundraising:** Given the way things still are, the Wine Tasting Committee decided to move the Wine Tasting to the spring. They are working with Danversport Yacht Club to secure a date. There are talks of a fall Calendar Raffle and the possibility of selling ornaments for the Holiday Tree in December as we did last year. There will be a meeting in October with the Garden Club to discuss the Tree Lighting.

**Memberships:** Ross Mortgage renewed their membership for \$500.00 and we received a \$1,000 donation from the Cummings Center. Thanks to Cornerstone Financial for nominating DEEP!

The inserts that were supposed to go out in everyone's electric bill over the summer did not. They will be distributed at all the Danvers Public Schools Open Houses.

**Teacher Grants:** Mari worked with Jim Sullivan, DPS Technology Director, to get the application form for the teacher grants up and running. There is a link to the guidelines and the application on the DEEP website, so everything will be paperless once again this year. Grants should be open around September 27<sup>th</sup>, allowing grants to run for the month of October. Teacher Grants will be awarded right before Thanksgiving. Teachers must be a DEEP member to apply for a \$500.00 grant.

**Old Business:** The Colleen Ritzer walk is on Sunday, September 19, and DEEP is a walk sponsor. The Ritzer Foundation sent a letter to thank DEEP for our continued sponsorship.

**New Business:** DEEP would like the principals at each of the Danvers Public Schools to recruit a parent from their school to attend monthly DEEP meetings.

Adam Federico, principal of DHS, advised that a former DHS student has created a documentary about Colleen Ritzer. DHS students will watch it during their community block.

Mark Strout advised that Essex North Shore Technical High School will be holding their Gala on October 16 at 6:00 P.M. under a tent on the front lawn of Smith Hall. Tiickets

## are \$100.00. *UPDATE: THIS EVENT HAS NOW BEEN POSTPONED TO THE SPRING*.

Mary Beth is working with DHS/ DECA on hosting a job fair which will help the businesses in town who are having difficulty finding staff by connecting them with students who are seeking employment.

Our next meeting is at Smith Elementary School on Wednesday, October 13, at 8:00 a.m. We look forward to seeing you there!