



Danvers Educational Enrichment Partnership
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www.supportdeep.org
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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

2021/2022 Board Members: Glenn Boutchie, Mark Strout, Mari Matt, Richard Stoney 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

2021/2022 Meeting Dates:

December 15, 2021	April 13, 2022
January 12, 2022	May 18, 2022
February 16, 2022	June 15, 2022 (Breakfast of Champions)
March 16, 2022	

Meeting Location: Our meetings take place at 8:00 a.m. at Brookline Bank, 107 High Street, in Danvers (next to Walgreen's). Thank you, Tammy and Glenn, for hosting us!

Members Present: Mary Beth Verry, Michele Keith, Mark Strout, Mari Matt, Dr. Lisa Dana, Tammy Connelly, Mary Wermers, Rita Ward, John Obremski, Brendan Norton and Angela Tsiumis.

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: [DEEPPdanvers](https://twitter.com/DEEPPdanvers); and Instagram at: [deepdanvers](https://www.instagram.com/deepdanvers).

Contacts for DEEP: If you have any questions, comments or ideas, please feel free to reach out to Mary Beth Verry at mbverry@comcast.net or Angela Tsiumis at achristina5@yahoo.com.

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

Treasurer's Report: Michelle advised that Investments are doing well and are up again, as are DEEP memberships. There is \$20,004.21 in the DEEP Operating account; \$223,885.33 in the Morse Investment; and \$94,349.32 in the DEEP Investment, totaling \$338,238.96 between all the accounts.

Teacher Grants: Mari advised that DEEP received 23 grant applications. Requests totaled a little over \$26,000.00. She worked with Technology to make sure there were no requests that the school or town may be able to cover. The schools were able to take care of 6 of the grants, bringing the total down to \$23,000+. DEEP budgeted \$17,500.00 for the grants, Mark motioned to withdraw money from funds to pay for the \$23,000+ in grants, which was seconded and passed unanimously. Mari also advised that the Grant Committee has the grants and is ready to start reading and scoring them. She will announce them at the next meeting.

Memberships: Memberships are up, as are our Corporate Sponsorships. DEEP would like to welcome back Yellow Jackets Gymnastics, and welcome our newest members, The Little Gym at Cherry Hill and Engel & Völkers By the Sea. We thank you for your support of our mission to enhance the education of all Danvers students. Want to learn more about how you can become a DEEP corporate sponsor? Visit our website at <http://supportdeep.org/contribute/>.

Downtown Holiday Festival: The Tree Lighting will be held on Saturday, December 4, from 2:00 to 5:00. Rockland Trust, formerly East Boston Savings Bank, will be sponsoring and hosting Santa Claus at the bank from 2:00 to 4:00. Santa, led by the DHS Band, will come downtown on a fire truck. The tree will be lit promptly at 5:00. This year there will be performances by a choral group from DHS and a local dance group, and a meet and greet with Elsa and Anna from Frozen. DJ Woody, sponsored by Lyons Funeral Home, will be providing some fabulous music to get everyone in the holiday spirit. New Brothers Restaurant, Domino's, Sol Nutrition, Northern Star Dental Group and Revival Fashion Consignment are just a few of the downtown businesses that will be participating.

DHS DECA: On Wednesday, December 1, from 9:15 to 10:15, there will be a Job Fair during the high school's community block. This is to help businesses in town with vacant positions connect with students who are looking for a job.

Credit for Life: Brookline Bank will be sponsoring this year's Credit for Life program. The bank will be working alongside some students who are doing this as their project. It will be held in the field house at DHS on Tuesday at 8:15. Those who signed up to help and may need a training class should report at 7:45. If anyone is interested in volunteering, feel free to reach out to Glenn Boutchie at gboutchie@brkl.com.

HRMS Spelling Bee: This year's spelling bee will be held in the DHS Auditorium on Wednesday, February 9, with a snow date of February 10. North Shore Dance Academy will be sponsoring the t-shirts that the contestants will wear this year. Thank you, North Shore Dance Academy!

Fundraising Update: The DEEP Wine & Food Tasting will take place at Danversport on Thursday, March 31, 2022, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. DEEP will reach out to each Danvers school PAC about providing a basket to be raffled off. After the holidays, the DEEP Wine Tasting Committee will work on securing food vendors and getting raffle items. Merchants Liquor Mart will again be the primary sponsor of the event.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Mark advised that Essex Tech will be holding its open house on Saturday. It is being broken up into two sessions.

The DEEP newsletter will be going out in January. If there is anything you would like added to the newsletter, please reach out to Mary Beth at mbverry@comcast.net by January 10.

Highlands School had a successful PAC meeting on Tuesday and is doing a Turkey Toss on Wednesday. They also did a Savers drive and are planning a Winter Carnival.

Thorpe School will host two different performances by the a cappella group from DHS in December. The 5th grade celebration committee is getting ready to plan their festivities as we speak, and the students are in the process of bringing back their learning commons.

The HRMS PAC is up and running and working on a few things for the upcoming year. They are currently holding a Food Drive, and talks about a Ping Pong drop are in the early stages and require some logistics to be worked out.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 15, at 8:00 A.M. at Brookline Bank, 107 High Street, Danvers (next to Walgreen's). All are welcome to join us!

Brookline Bank requires non-vaccinated attendees to wear a mask. Vaccinated attendees do not need to wear a mask unless they choose to.

DEEP would like to wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving!