



Danvers Educational Enrichment Partnership
P.O. BOX 387, Danvers, MA 01923
Angela Tsiumis, Secretary
www.supportdeep.org
December 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

2021/2022 Board Members: Glenn Boutchie, Tammy Connelly, 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:

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

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: Michele Keith, Glenn Boutchie, Mary Wermers, Rita Ward, Tammy Connelly, Paul Pawlak, Richard Stoney, Jessie DelVecchio, Mari Matt 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: [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 feel free to reach out to Mary Beth Verry at mbverry@comcast.net or Angela Tsiumis at achristina5@yahoo.com.

Minutes: Angela provided the November minutes which were approved by Richard Stoney, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Michele advised that Investments are good. She met with Cobblestone Financial to move money into the DEEP account to cover the teacher grants. There is currently \$33,437.49 in the Operating Account; \$220,453.82 in the Morse Investment; and \$81,296.49 in the DEEP Investment; totaling \$335,187.80 between all accounts. Richard Stoney approved the Treasurer's Report. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Teacher Grants: Mari advised that five out of seven Danvers Public Schools were represented in this year's teacher grant cycle. There were 17 proposals, totaling more than \$23,000.00. There were a few grants that the district was able to fund through their regular budget. Mari welcomed 6 new grant readers this year. The grants went out to the readers, who used a system to score them. Due to the great grants out there, most of the grants scored 13 points out of 15. At the November meeting, the money was approved to cover all the grants. One grant had to be taken out, bringing the total of the grants to \$22,868.65. Motion approved to fund the grants, seconded and passed unanimously. A check will be made out to the Danvers Public Schools for materials to be ordered. Thank you to all that applied for a grant, and to Mari for all of the hard work that she put into this!

Membership Update: Memberships are slightly up. Luminarias were sold at the Holiday Tree Lighting. Each sale included a DEEP membership. We would also like to welcome back corporate sponsor, Brookline Bank. We appreciate your continued support!

Danvers Holiday Festival: Angela spoke about the success of this year's tree lighting. There were businesses that participated this year that had never done so before, and it was nice to see the community come together. We would like to thank the DPD, DFD, DPW, Electric Light Department, DJ Kevin Wood, Danvers Public Schools, Essex Tech, DEEP Sponsors and Danvers businesses that participated, and Rockland Bank for sponsoring and hosting Santa again this year!

It went so well, we are looking forward to December 3, 2022!

Credit for Life: Glenn advised that Credit for Life went well. The students were very engaged. Thank you to DECA and all the volunteers who helped the Class of 2022 learn about finances and the future.

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 and Cherry Farm Creamery will be sponsoring the t-shirts that the contestants will wear this year! Thank you both!!

MLK Event: Paul Pawlak came to this month's DEEP meeting to speak about the MLK event that will be held in the DHS Atrium on Monday, January 17, from 4:00 to 6:00. The reception will start promptly at 4:00 with some light snacks. There will be music, art and a couple of student speakers at this year's event. The Executive Board met and voted unanimously for DEEP to donate \$250.00 to this year's MLK event.

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. Merchant Liquor Mart will again be the primary sponsor of the event. We may need more volunteers than usual this year, as businesses are short staffed and unable to work their tables. If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to Mary Beth at mbverry@comcast.net.

DHS/DECA Job Fair: Michele advised that it went well. It was a little tougher for Freshmen and Sophomores due to their age, however, Juniors and Seniors were able to apply for jobs while they were there.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Rita Ward, Principal at Thorpe, advised that DHS DECA students worked alongside fourth graders doing Shark Tank Junior. It was an 8-week program and such a great experience that everyone is very much looking forward to doing it again.

The DECA competition is tomorrow at the Danvers Doubletree. Winners of this round go on to Boston. Good luck, DECA!!

Jessie DeVecchio advised that Mathnasium is very busy. They have done Math Nights in the past and last year were able to do them virtually. This year they will be looking to see if there are any elementary schools that would be interested in hosting one.

Glenn Boutchie advised that Brookline Bank will be celebrating their 150-year anniversary!

Congratulations, Glenn and Brookline Bank. We very much appreciate all that you do for DEEP!

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 12, at 8:00 A.M. at Brookline Bank, 107 High Street, Danvers (next to Walgreen's). All are welcome to join us and, at this time, masks are required.

DEEP would like to wish everyone a very happy holiday! We look forward to seeing everyone in 2022!