

Danvers Educational Enrichment Partnership P.O. BOX 387, Danvers, MA 01923 Angela Tsiumis, Secretary <u>www.supportdeep.org</u> March 16, 2022

**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.

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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: April 13, 2022 May 18, 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, John Obremski, Tammy Connelly, Ben Thomas, Mari Matt and Angela Tsiumis.

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

**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>.

**Minutes:** Angela provided the February minutes. Mari Matt made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Michele provided an update on the financials and advised that there is not a lot to talk about. No bills, no memberships and, unfortunately, the Investments decreased again due to the market. There is currently \$9,673.00 in the DEEP Operating Account; \$209,517.71 in the Morse Investment; and \$77,385.38 in the DEEP Investment, totaling \$296.576.09 between all the accounts.

**Memberships:** Mary Beth advised that the Music Connection has renewed their membership and we are very thankful for their continued support!

**Breakfast of Champions:** DEEP has decided to move the Breakfast of Champions to Tuesday, May 24, from its original date of June 15. It will be held in the Danvers High School Atrium starting at 8:30 a.m. At the Breakfast of Champions, DEEP honors retiring staff members and the sponsors who support DEEP throughout the year. Ben from DCAT will be there recording the event, and Mary Beth will reach out to the music department to see if they are available for some entertainment. Invitations will go out to all our sponsors, retiring staff members and honorees. More information to follow at our next meeting.

**Fundraising:** This year, DEEP will have an online popcorn sale that will run from March 29 to April 2. DEEP will receive 50% of the sales. A link will go out to all in the Danvers district, and it will also be on our DEEP page.

**Quarterly Newsletter:** Our quarterly newsletter will go out on March 29. If anyone is interested in having something listed in it, please reach out to Maria DiChiara.

**Wine Tasting:** On October 27, from 6 to 9 p.m., DEEP will host its annual Wine Tasting at Danversport. This year, the Wine Tasting will be a Halloween theme, so start thinking about what costume you will wear!

**Old Business:** The Colleen Ritzer 5K will be held on Sunday, May 1. DEEP is a sponsor of the event, and registration is open!

Last week, DEEP received a thank you from the students and teachers at the Thorpe School for the teacher grants that they were awarded, along with adorable pictures of the grant materials being used by students! You are very welcome, Thorpe School... keep up all your hard work!

Mary Beth and Mari attended a Great Oak Virtual PAC meeting to give a presentation on DEEP – who we are and what we do for the Danvers Public Schools. Thank you to the Great Oak PAC for having us! **New Business:** Ben from DCAT gave an update on upcoming classes being offered for the community. He also said DCAT is back to offering after-school programming for the schools. DCAT is also planning to work with the teachers in the district to make videos introducing what is going on in the Danvers Public Schools.

John Obremski, principal of Highlands School, advised that everything is going great – lots of activities. They just had The Whale Mobile enrichment program at the school last week. Going forward, they are open to volunteers coming in, guest readers and reconnecting with the community again.

Tammy and Glenn from Brookline Bank advised that it is business as usual, everything is going well. DanversCARES is hosting *Light the Night Purple* at the library on Wednesday, May 4, at 6:30. There will be a walk around town, followed by some speakers and a candle lighting.

DECA states were last weekend. 170 Danvers High students participated, 69 placed and 23 are moving on to the ICDC competition in Atlanta during April vacation. Two Danvers High School students received DECA scholarships! Good luck in Atlanta! We are proud of all of the DECA students who competed this year.

The DECA team that ran the job fair that DEEP assisted in placed in the top 10, as well as Cradles to Crayons – kudos! Danvers DECA has one of the largest chapters in the state. Congratulations to Meghan for being such an unbelievable mentor to our students!

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, April 13, at 8:00 a.m. at Brookline Bank, 107 High Street, Danvers (next to Walgreen's). All are welcome to join us!