



Danvers Educational Enrichment Partnership
P.O. BOX 387, Danvers, MA 01923
Angela Tsiumis, Secretary
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.

2022/2023 Officers: President: Mary Beth Verry
Treasurer: Michele Keith
Secretary: Angela Tsiumis

2022/2023 Board Members: Glenn Boutchie, Mari Matt, Richard Stoney and Ben Thomas

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

2021/2023 Meeting Dates:	January 18, 2023	April 12, 2023
	February 15, 2023	May 17, 2023
	March 15, 2023	June 14, 2023

Meeting Location: Our meetings take place at 8:00 a.m. at Brookline Bank, 107 High Street in Danvers (next to Walgreen's).

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.

Members Present: Glenn Boutchie, Rita Ward, Mary Wermers, Mari Matt, Michele Keith, Josh Kepnes, Richard Stoney, Ben Thomas, Mary Beth Verry and Angela Tsiumis.

Minutes: Angela provided November minutes which were approved by Glenn Boutchie, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Michele provided the Treasurer's Report and advised that financials improved a little bit. There is \$19,985.27 in the DEEP Operating Account; \$183,925.45 in the Morse Investment; and \$71,727.38 in the DEEP Investment – total Operating and Investments is \$275,638.10. Michele and Mary Beth will be meeting with Cornerstone Financial today and an update will be provided at the January meeting. Glenn approved the Treasurer's Report.

Membership Update: Memberships are up and doing well! If you have not renewed your DEEP membership yet, there is still plenty of time!

Teacher Grants: Mari advised that she had a great group of readers this year and there were 27 grant applications requesting approximately \$21,000. The Grant Committee will read and rate the grants as they did last year. Due to the lower funds raised at this year's Wine Tasting, the DEEP Board will meet and discuss if they will fund half now and half later. However, as mentioned in the Treasurer's Report, Mary Beth and Michele will meet with Cornerstone Financial to see if and what we can take out of our investments.

Holiday Festival: This year's Tree Lighting was a new collaboration between DEEP, Danvers Recreation and Endicott Park and was very well received. The Tree Lighting made the front page of the Salem News, DCAT took over 350 photos and Rockland Trust sponsored Santa. We had a great group of student volunteers from Danvers High School, DanversCARES, Holten-Richmond Middle School and Essex Tech, and are very grateful for all of their help. We were very happy with the entire event from start to finish, although we wish the weather had been a little more cooperative during the day. Fortunately, the weather improved in time for the Tree Lighting and Candy Cane Hunt – which, by the way, was awesome!

HRMS Spelling Bee: The 14th Annual HRMS Spelling Bee will take place on Wednesday, January 25th, at 6:00 PM in the Danvers High School auditorium. The snow date is Thursday the 26th. Cherry Farm Creamery and North Shore Dance Academy will once again sponsor the t-shirts the students wear at the Bee. We are still looking for a business to sponsor pizzas for the students before they take the stage. If you are interested in helping to sponsor pizza for this year's Spelling Bee, please contact Mary Beth at mbverry@comcast.net.

Old Business: On Saturday, May 6th, DEEP will host its first Kentucky Derby viewing party. Ticket sales will be limited to 150 and will include a buffet. More info to follow.

New Business: The Step Up for Colleen 5K Walk/Run is on Sunday, May 7th. A letter was sent to DEEP to see if we would like to continue our sponsorship. A motion was made to continue to support the 5K, seconded and passed unanimously.

Ben from DCAT advised that he will be filming all school concerts, and that there will be a Trivia Night at Twisted Fate Brewery, 120 Andover Street in Danvers, on Wednesday, January 18th, from 6:30 to 8:30. This is a 21+ event and teams of four will compete. If you are interested, please get your tickets at: www.eventbrite.com/e/dcat-trivia-night-tickets.

Mary Wermers advised that DECA will be competing at the DECA District 3 Competition in the next couple of days. The search for a Superintendent is ongoing. The goal is to meet with the School Committee to discuss Danvers' next Superintendent by the end of January.

Josh Kepnes, the newest School Committee member, represented the Danvers School Committee at today's meeting. Welcome, Josh!

Rita Ward, principal of the Thorpe School, advised that everything is going well at Thorpe and they have been busy. DHS DECA students did an 8-week Baby Shark Tank Competition with students. After the 8 weeks, students presented their ideas to a panel of judges, just like on the show Shark Tank. Rita advised that the DECA students have been wonderful with the students.

Glenn Boutchie advised that Credit for Life was held at DHS for the Class of 2023, and the day went very well. Thank you to Glenn, the staff of Brookline Bank, DECA and all of the volunteers for another successful Credit for Life! A Brookline Bank manager and DECA students were invited to give a financial literacy presentation at HRMS where they discussed checking and savings accounts. Kudos!

Our next meeting take place on Wednesday, January 18, at 8:00 A.M. at Brookline Bank, 107 High Street, next to Walgreens. All are welcome to join us!

DEEP would like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy holiday season. Thank you for all you do to help us support the students and teachers of the Danvers Public Schools!