



Danvers Educational Enrichment Partnership
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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: February 15, 2023 May 17, 2023
March 15, 2023 June 14, 2023
April 12, 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: Mary Wermers, Mari Matt, Michele Keith, Richard Stoney, Ben Thomas, Kerry LeBlanc, John Obremski, Mary Beth Verry and Angela Tsiumis.

Minutes: Angela provided December minutes which were approved by Michele Keith, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Michele advised that \$12,000 was transferred from the Investment Account to the DEEP Operating Account to cover the Teacher Grants. Memberships are up and money came in from two Wine Tasting sponsors. Money was paid out for the Holiday Festival, but Angela was awarded a grant by the Danvers Cultural Council that will repay the money that was paid out. Investments dropped a bit, but we should expect that this is the new norm and that they will continue to go up and down. We are in good shape for the rest of this year. There is \$31,617.94 in the DEEP Operating Account; \$167,551.90 in the Morse Investment; and \$70,152.28 in the DEEP Investment, totaling \$269,322.12 between the Operating and Investment Accounts. The Treasurer's Report was approved by Angela Tsiumis, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Membership Update: The list is updated. Cherry Farm Creamery and Ameriprise Financial renewed their sponsorships – we are very thankful for you both! If you have paid for a membership and do not see your name, please let us know.

Teacher Grants: Mari Matt, our Grant Coordinator, started out by thanking the team of readers that were able to participate! We received a total of 26 grant applications requesting more than \$21,000. After discussing the applications with Interim Superintendent Mary Wermers, it was decided that four applications could potentially be funded by other means or evaluated for future funding by the District. This brought the total to \$18,105.85.

There were 3 grants that fell outside of the guidelines, including one was from the DHS English Team (they were requesting a subscription which is something DEEP Grants usually do not cover). After a discussion, DEEP voted that they would fund the subscription this year to see if it works well with the current curriculum. If the program does work out, the school district would work to have it covered in the district budget going forward. DEEP had previously grant-funded a 3D printer at HRMS. The cost of the supplies never made it into the department budget and they are unable to use the printer without the proper supplies. Michele Keith motioned to approve the \$860.00 to cover the cost of the supplies needed for the printer for just this year, it was seconded and passed unanimously.

Mari motioned that DEEP would cover \$18,105.85 of the 2022/2023 teacher grants that were seconded and passed unanimously. Thank you to Mari, the committee, teachers, and the district for all of your hard work!

Letters will be sent to the teachers who applied for grants notifying them that they have been awarded a grant from DEEP. The funds will be sent to the Central Office to be deposited and the Curriculum Center will order and purchase the items. DEEP will be at the February 13th School Committee meeting to announce this year's grant recipients.

Fundraising Update: On Saturday, May 6, DEEP will host a Derby Day at the Polish Club. The hall holds 150 people and tickets will have to be sold prior to the event. There will be refreshments, raffles, and a cash bar. We hope this event will help overcome the fundraising shortfall from the Wine Tasting. We look forward to seeing you there in your fascinators and bow ties! More information to follow once details are finalized.

HRMS Spelling Bee: On Wednesday, January 25, DHS will host the 14th HRMS Spelling Bee with a snow date of Thursday, the 26. The event will start in the auditorium at 6:00 P.M. 50 students will participate this year. North Shore Dance Academy and Cherry Farm Creamery are sponsoring the t-shirts and Domino's will sponsor the pizza so students can have a bite to eat before they take the stage. The winner of the HRMS Spelling Bee will go on to take a remote test to qualify for the Regional Bee in Lynn. The winner of the Regional Bee qualifies for the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.! Thank you to our sponsors for making this event possible for our students!

Breakfast of Champions: The Breakfast of Champions will take place in the atrium at DHS this year. DEEP will honor retiring teachers, our corporate sponsors, businesses, etc. Danvers Food Services will cater the event and hopefully one of the high school's choral groups will provide us with some entertainment.

Old Business: DEEP sent in their sponsorship for the Colleen Ritzer 5K Walk/Run which will be held in Andover on Sunday, May 7. Online registration is up and running if you are interested in participating.

New Business: Mary Beth is working on DEEP's IRS status. We are currently listed as a private foundation. She is working with Arthur Skarmas to have us changed to a public charity which would enable us to apply for grants and would, in turn, allow us to support different programs.

DCAT is hosting a trivia night from 6:30 to 8:30 tonight at Twisted Fate Brewery on Route 114 in Danvers (near Walmart). It is a 21+ event and there will be drinks and food available for purchase. If you are interested, tickets may be purchased at www.eventbrite.com/e/dcat-trivia-night-tickets.

Mary Wermers advised that Danvers has hired a new superintendent, Dan Bauer from Marblehead. The interview can be seen on the DCAT page. Welcome to Danvers, Dan! HRMS is holding their concerts at the high school this week. The elementary schools are also having their concerts this week at each of their respective schools.

The quarterly newsletter will be going out by the end of the month. If there is anything anyone would like in the newsletter, please reach out to Mary Beth or Maria.

Representatives from Ameriprise Financial were at our meeting today and advised that their business works with teachers and individuals who need assistance with financial advice. They have worked with DEEP in the past and wanted to reconnect with us.

John Obremski, principal at the Highlands School, advised that they have a science program from Beverly coming on Friday to take over the school for a couple of hours. The program was paid for by their PAC.

Kerry LeBlanc, Assistant Principal at DHS, advised that the social workers at DHS are providing suicide prevention programming to students and families. Athletics, choral and band are very busy and there are lots of good things happening with each of them. Midterms are also going on right now at DHS.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, February 15, at 8:00 A.M. at Brookline Bank, 107 High Street, next to Walgreens. All are welcome to join us – we would love to see you there!