

ESSEX TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
DENTAL ASSISTING PROGRAM

Spring Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2018

Attendees:

Celeste Foley, RDA, RDH, Heather Fullerton, CDA, RDH, Nancy Acquaviva, CDA, Dorothy Vannah, CDA, RDH, MS,

Business

The mouthguard Clinic was discussed. Dottie Vannah suggested reaching out to another dental office to coordinate mouthguard clinic day next year.

The Tufts clinical internship is well underway. 2 days of every CTE week, the Junior students are bussed into Tufts from 9-12. They assist the dental students in various procedures. Last year with the help of Dr. Lupini, Mr. Morgan, Ms. Donnelly, Ms. Holman, Ms. Foley, Kathy Russo, the students were able to coordinate an early travel schedule to arrive for the required mandatory morning huddle at 8:50 a.m. This schedule is working out very well, we arrive on time for the huddle two times a cycle. Discussion with Dottie Vannah regarding having Essex Tech students placed on speciality floors. Celeste Foley stated she sent two emails to Paula Callahan regarding this. Received no reply.

Equipment purchases have been made: We are very excited that a grant went through last year to install a new Steri-Center with a Hydrim, Statim- sterilizer, Handpiece Cleaner & lubrication system, and 1 new Model Trimmer. We have received all new dental instruments including speciality instruments and a new Dextr (manikin for radiographs). Discussion regarding the Manikins from Densply purchased the end of 2017. The Manikins are NOT taking quality radiographs. All of the classes have brand new Bird textbooks. The junior class and sophomore class have brand new Bird Workbooks. We have also received new instrument books.

Also, happy to report the bridging of the digital radiographs software (EVA Soft) and the Eaglesoft software (clinic) have been revamped and functioning with very little

glitches. New RDH handpieces and 1 intra-oral cameras have arrived. A demo and tutorial with Joe Marino was given to students and instructors in November.

Discussion regarding benefits of having a part time teacher to aid with activities that require direct supervision. (Radiology, Model Trimming, etc.)

Co-op Opportunities

Lisa Berube, the Co-op Coordinator and Celeste Foley, the dental assisting instructor at Essex Tech have placed three senior students and three junior students on paid co-op and 3 senior students on internship. Lisa Berube and Celeste Foley suggested moving forward being proactive in looking for dental offices to send junior dental students on third trimester on internship. Celeste Foley and Lisa Berube talked about the possibility of having more offices coming in for a visit or tour of our school shops like this past year with Paradise Dental and Pediatric Dentistry of Northshore. 2 senior students and 2 junior students are placed at these offices and the collaboration is going very well.

There was discussion between Dottie Vannah and Celeste Foley about possible Co-op between assisted living facilities or nursing homes. Dottie Vannah suggested maybe sharing a 30/hour co-op among the students.

Industry- Specific Certifications

Congratulations to the Juniors and that passed the Tufts Radiology Certification this year!! Tufts University Dental School of Medicine offered the high school students who collaborate with internship to participate in an all day didactic mandatory course (8 hour session) and one clinical session. This course was offered at a reduced rate of \$99.00 by the Continuing Education Department. 7 out of 14 junior dental students participated and ALL of the students passed. Celeste Foley has received very positive feedback from Paula Callahan, Coordinator/Infection Control Administrator, Tufts Dental University. Paula Callahan thought the students performed well both didactically and clinically. Students were extremely professional and Tufts considered it a very positive experience. This rate and course will be offered again in the fall of 2018 and the winter of 2019 for the Junior and Senior Dental students.

DANB Certification - Discussion regarding pro's and con's of ICE, RHS and GC- it was determined the ICE exam expires after 5 years and before sitting for GC component , a total of 3500 post grad hours are required. NELDA - all three components require completion within 3 years.

Equipment Needs

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Pentamix machine and new Model Trimmer have been delivered.

Brand New Dexter(s) (Manikins)(20,000) total price. Radiographs are still not processing correctly and quality is poor. Dottie Vannah suggested sending back and order human skull with educational discounted price from Dentsply and offer a loaner skull prior to investing in this back in October at the last Advisory Board meeting. Celeste Foley and Kathleen Holman have been in constant contact to resolve this problem. Dottie Vannah recommended again calling Densply and she was dismayed that Densply had not followed through on sending the educator to Essex Tech in January and that our dental students have not been able to train adequately in radiology. Kathleen Holman sent an very detailed email to Densply on April 24 stating the above.

The Dental Assisting program has Its OWN RELATED / LECTURE CLASSROOM that is available to teachers and students everyday/ all day. The students have quiet space for testing / lecture / reading and written work. FY 2017-18.

Employment competencies

The school needs industry professionals to come in at the end of the year to judge student's final portfolios- several members are interested and teachers will reach out when it gets closer. Dottie Vannah is very interested. Celeste Foley suggested calling Dr. LaFauce as he has expressed interest in coordinating a internship with our dental students. Dr. Kowalski has always sat for portfolio day and has been hard to reach by phone or email. Celeste Foley will reach out to the Co-op offices to see if there is interest in attending also. (May 7)

Advisory Board Recruitment

An announcement was made that the program is always looking for new members for the board. If any members know someone who is interested- please refer them to the school.

The teachers are also looking for offices that would be willing to give students a tour and possible demonstrations

The program is also seeking guest speakers, especially dental specialists.

Interested in becoming New Members of Advisory Board

1. Kelly Huckle - Parent - 33 St. Anns Ave., Peabody, MA 01960
2. Jillian Huckle - Student - 33 St. Anns Ave., Peabody, MA 01960

Articulation Agreement/Field Trip

Guidance is working on Middlesex Community College articulation agreement

Middlesex Community College invited us to do a tour again this year- Jennifer Migliozi, M.Ed., Assistant Director at Middlesex Community College and Celeste Foley coordinated the event. Junior Dental Students, Ms. Foley and Ms. Montague (guidance counselor) toured both the Dental Lab program / Dental Assisting program / Dental Hygiene program and Admissions answered questions regarding the application process.

Dottie Vannah suggested to seek out NECC- with a contact name of Kerin Hamidiani. Dottie said she can help us receive all the information and paperwork for the process.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting in Fall 2018