

ESSEX TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
DENTAL ASSISTING PROGRAM

Fall Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2017

Attendees:

Celeste Foley, RDA, RDH, Heather Fullerton, CDA, RDH, Cheryl Shkliwe, RDH, Dr. Paula Wrenn, DMD, Dorothy Vannah, CDA, RDH, MS, Stacey Abbatessa, CDA, RDH

Business

The mouthguard clinic was a great success! Dr. Wrenn and Cheryl will be glad to do it again this year. Celeste Foley, Heather Fullerton and Dr. Wrenn will coordinate a date that is good for all.

Grades 10 and 12 will fabricate custom fit Mouthguards for student Athletes at Essex Tech

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.

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). All of the classes have brand new Bird Text Books. 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 radiograph software(EVA Soft) and the Eaglesoft software(clinic) have been revamped and functioning with very little glitches. New RDH handpieces and 4 intra-oral cameras (1 for each operatory) have arrived. A demo and tutorial is scheduled with Joe Marino 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 at Essex Tech has placed two senior students on paid co-op. Lisa Berube and Celeste Foley are in the process of placing three more senior students and one Junior student on paid co-op.

Mrs. Berube spoke about Co-op starting to target bigger dental offices or corporations like Aspen Dental, Gentle Dental, Small Smiles, etc. We have quite a few offices on our list, but troubles getting offices to commit. (Paradise Dental came for a visit and a tour of our school shops and spoke with Lisa Berube and Celeste Foley regarding Co-op guidelines.

Dr. Wrenn is not interested in hiring a Junior or Senior student for Co-op.

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 Seniors that passed the Tufts Radiology Certification last year!! New last 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. 13 out of 26 students participated and ALL of the students passed. Celeste Foley has received very positive feedback from Shannon Meloon Balleto, Coordinator/Infection Control Administrator, Tufts Dental University. Shannon 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 this year for the Junior 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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Still waiting for Pentamix machine to be delivered. It would be beneficial to have another Model Trimmer as there is not enough supervision for this activity.

Brand New Dexter(s) (Manikins)(20,000) total price. Radiographs are not processing correctly and quality is poor. Dottie Vannah suggested sending back and order human skull with educational discounted price from Densply and offer a loaner skull prior to investing in this.

The Dental Assisting program has Its OWN RELATED / LECTURE CLASSROOM that is available to teachers and students everyday/ all day this year. The students will 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.

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
- Jennifer Kenney, CDA - Parent - 10A Sabino Farm Rd. #5, Peabody, MA 01960

Articulation Agreement/Field Trip

Guidance is working on Middlesex Community College articulation agreement

Middlesex is willing to do a tour again this year- Celeste Foley has been in contact with Jennifer Migliozi, M.Ed., Assistant Director at Middlesex Community College to coordinate a date to visit. Junior Dental Students will tour both the Dental Lab program / Dental Assisting program / Dental Hygiene program and Admissions will answer 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 2017