

Polaris Career Center

High School Advisory Council Minutes

Fall Meeting – October 11, 2016

Program: Dental Assisting

Council leaders present

1. Rachelle Pickwick

Members in attendance:

1. Dr. Edward Jimenez
2. Dr. Linda Kerata
3. Dr. Jeffrey Castel
4. Ken Hawkinson
5. Amanda Preputnik

Members Absent

Jeanne Ullrich

Dr. Mark Iacobelli

MacKenzie Smith

Dr. Coleen Vienna

Welcome / Introductions

Introductions of all members

Review purpose and scope of advisory councils

Review contents of the Polaris Career Center Advisory Council Guidelines

Reviewed and approved minutes of previous meeting 4/16

Dental program was approved for an additional x-ray unit

We installed new x-ray machine June 2016 – we now have 3 x-ray machines

One of our DXTTR x-ray training dummies broke so we need a new x-ray dummy. New DXTTR has been ordered in September

Program Data - enrollment, retention, student employment, Retention:

NEW Juniors 25 students- Seniors 23 students of 24 returned and stayed

PLACEMENT- I need employment positions for 8-10 students to work ONLY 2 days a week... some are interviewing for 2 positions available right now so if you know of anyone looking for a DA please let me know. Some can work a full day and some can work from 11 AM on and also after school and any weekend days. They are all Dental X-ray certified.

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Fiscal recommendations for the Dental Program- we still have the same fiscal recommendations that we have mentioned at every meeting. See ALL past notes. Here is a brief overview.

This dental facility is as old as the building ...over 35 years old, most of the large equipment we have is the original equipment or what we have added has been donated by private practices and is not in great working order. We did receive a new Autoclave at the end of last school year when the old one finally went. We need a larger facility, new equipment to accommodate teaching 25 students clinical dentistry in one class. Most of the clinic is not set up for proper infection control. The lab can NOT accommodate the entire class for demos or for chairside instruction. This environment is not optimal for proper instruction. We need to update all equipment.... And All three model trimmers are leaking and need repair.

Other suggestions were-

Letter has been written to send out a to all local dentist asking for donations of any old expired supplies they would be throwing away. – but has not been sent out yet. Ken Hawkinson will send the letter by email to all of his territory to get things started. I will send Ken the letter. Anyone willing to donate stamps.

Can offices help with the x-ray certification in April/May

All dentists present said they could help

TEXTBOOK-

Our old Colwell Business Assisting for the Dental Assisting textbook is now out of print so we have to approve a new textbook. We found a textbook that works with our Eaglesoft Dental program “Practice Management for the Dental Team” by Finkbeiner and Finkbeiner. ALL APPROVED, it will now be Board of Education Approved. Students will own the workbook and school will own the textbooks.

New Topics

It was suggested by Amanda P. that we could use an old expired medical kit for teaching purposes rather than giving the offices kits back to the supplier. She would look into it.

Set a date for spring meeting – Monday April 10th at 6pm, PLEASE MARK YOU CALENDARS