

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

April 1st, 2025

Today is April 1st- Members of the The Advisory Board for the Dental Assisting Program at RTCC Ms. Beth Ladd and Chris Ionna and I are meeting today.

Beth; Chris; As you know, Dental Assisting Program at RTCC will be closed at the end of this school year, July 1st, 2025 due to budget cut.

Taking this into consideration, I would like to ask you as the advisory committee the following:

How should the equipment including the class desks, books, and any supplies be handled to be most beneficial and advantageous for the RTCC.

The Dental Class has two operatories fully equipped with a dental chair, dental unit, two stools of which one is for the dentist and one for the assistant, and a computer. Unfortunately, we do not have an active dental practice management software. There is an amalgamator, a sharp container and cabinets in each operatory.

We also equipped a lab area. There is also numerous dental manikins and typodonts, dental models, model teeth, skulls and anatomical models, a stereo and a compound microscope to contribute and assist in education. We also have dental instruments for restorative and surgical treatments as well as handpieces, burs, and various dental supply to accomplish practical sessions in the operatories on dental manikins.

In the classroom area, there are four desks each for four students with rolling chairs, a white board, a smart board and a computer and four tables and several books.

Beth, I'll get the first comment from you;

Beth- I would first say, have you heard from the administration what the procedure and policies are to dissolve a program? Was the equipment purchased through grant?

Meltem- I do not know how the equipment was purchased initially. Previously you have mentioned about Stafford that they are thinking about opening a dental assisting class. Maybe the school would be interested in getting in touch with them.

Beth- I will reach out the director and ask them what's available. Maybe if they are interested, this may accelerate their decision.

Meltem- Thank you. I will let Nika know about this. Because there is no other agenda, this meeting is dismissed. Thank you for your participation.