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Regional Advisory Board Report - December 2016

Program News

Program: Building Trades

Initiative: Tiny House – this program is a workforce development initiative designed to put students from Career Technical Center construction and building trades programs together with NHHBA. Currently there are four CT Centers committed to building 5 Tiny Houses. Students are building a house from start to finish, doing everything from carpentry to plumbing and electrical work. The houses will be paraded down Main Street at the opening of the 50th NH State Home Show in March. The houses will be auctioned off at the Home Show with a portion of the proceeds coming back to our Building Trades program. Paul Cail, Building Trades teacher, has spearheaded this initiative and is working hard to make this happen. He is working closely with community partners to secure supplies and funding.

Program: Teacher Education

Initiative: Build a strong teacher education internship program using Little Eagles and local community schools for placement. This past week, Kelley Murphy took the Level 2 & 3 students to Conway Elementary, the beginning of an 8 week program to give the students the opportunity to experience classrooms in action and lend a hand if necessary. Eleven Teacher Ed students were spread across 8 classrooms in grades K-5. A big thank you to Brian Hastings, principal, and all his teachers for helping to make this happen.



Program: Health Science Technology

Our LNA program is up and running with a record number of seven students. Students will sit for their written exam on December 20th then begin their clinical visits in January at Memorial Hospital and Mineral Springs. The clinical exam, given by a state examiner, will be at the end of January when they have completed 60 hours of hands-on clinical work.

This program faces a challenge right now as the teacher hired for this year has resigned. Her last day was Dec. 2. We have been urgently trying to fill this position, and we do have a promising candidate that we will present to the school board, if all goes well, on Dec. 12.

Program: Culinary Arts

After a bit of a rocky start, as we were short a Sous Chef for six weeks, the Culinary program is up and running and the Mineral Spring Cafe is open and ready to serve the community. The cafe is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11:00 to 12:45. The menu is a nice mix of appetizers, sandwiches and entrees. As the year progresses, Thursday buffets will be re-introduced as well as Friday afternoon TO-GO options for faculty and staff.

The first big catering event the students will undertake is a holiday breakfast for approximately 130 people on December 22.

Program: Machine Tool

Our NASA Collaboration continues again this year as the students in Machine Tool gear up for production. This year they will be producing 30 studs, 30 nuts and 30 flanges for the lockers used on the International Space Station. This collaborative effort continues to be a very exciting one for our students and for the school.

Program: Graphic Arts

After speaking with the DOE and other educators around the state, we are now able to offer Adobe Certified Associate exams as an alternative to the state provided option (Precision Exams) for the students in Film/Video and Photographic Arts program. Theresa Sires is in the process of establishing our center as an authorized testing center, so that students will have the option to take a test that will give them an "Adobe Certified Associate" certificate upon completion of the Graphics program. Given that Adobe is an internationally recognized industry standard for many software programs, this should be valuable to students entering the vocation or post-secondary programs.

Program: Hospitality and Tourism Management

Our Hospitality students have returned to the Red Jacket Mountain View Resort to enhance their classroom studies with hands-on experience. The Red Jacket continues to be a valuable partner in education. We do need to grow this program as the numbers are low and it is truly is a great stepping stone to a fulfilling, varied and life long career path.

Program: Marketing

The Marketing students have opened the school store and it is a very popular spot with the students especially during lunch. The store offers a variety of drinks and healthy snacks including items created by the culinary students.

Center News

Program Advisory Committee Meetings: A first round of advisory committee meetings was held in October. We are planning a second round to ensure meetings for committees who were not able to meet at that time.

Standards Based Grading: Our initiative to transition to communicating student achievement through competency based grading is still alive and well as we continue to learn all the aspects of this grading system. Our belief is that grades are not about what our students earn, it is about what they learn. We will run a pilot program of the "review" portion (student-teacher conferencing) with four of our teachers this semester. We will film some of these reviews to use in training other staff members.