

HOPEFUL TRANSITIONS IMPLEMENTATION IDEAS

During the 2023-24 year, the Career Transition Coaches supported the participating pilot schools through facilitating a variety of experiential learning Career Connected Learning opportunities (for both students and staff), staff professional learning and fostered and further developed community partnerships and engagement. While all of the activities were well received, the student field trips and site visits, guest speaker presentations, and various career/expo fairs were particularly impactful in engaging the learners and staff alike. The table below provides a few real examples of just some of the types of activities that occurred.

Student Activities

- Surveying students about their future plans and needs for support with these plans
- Meeting with students who indicated they had no career plans or needed assistance, based on survey data, and arranging for them to engage with an employment counsellor
- Arranging for Guest Speakers and presentations
- myBlueprint digital portfolio support

Professional Learning

- Hopeful Transitions Pilot Information sessions
- myBlueprint workshops for staff
- Supplied and played the “Careerosity Game” with teachers for them in turn to use with students in their classes
- Provided a workshop from the Centres of Excellence
- Highlighted the alignment of subject-based learning outcomes with Career Connected Learning outcomes
- Workshop on Micro-credits

Staff Collaboration

- Individual and department meetings with teachers to discuss ways to incorporate Career Connected Learning into various subject content and courses
- Provided resources and connections directly to classroom teachers
- Resource development: Community internship preparation workbook for students
- Created Career Posters aligned with subject specific curricular areas
- Small group and one-on-one meetings with teachers
- School self-assessment, goal setting, and benchmarks

- Resource development: Planning community internships for students with more complex needs
- Resource development: Community internship preparation workbook for students

Community Partnerships and Involvement

- Working with the Guidance Counsellor to connect with Junior Achievement for career-connected resources
- Try a Trade and Trades Showcase
- Career and Job Expo, Job Fairs, Future Pathways Expo, Agricultural Expo
- Transition Fair for learners requiring additional supports
- Military and Armed Forces presentations
- Real World LMI Challenge
- RBC Future Launch
- Financial Literacy Presentations, Understanding Credit
- Site Visits to local businesses, industry partners, and organizations ie. Horizon Health, Jumping Beans ECE Program, McCain's French Fries
- Post-Secondary site visits and guest speakers into schools – ie. NBCC Open House, Mount Alison, etc.
- Gap Year Presentation
- Volunteer Fairs and community projects
- Empowering Tomorrow Energy conference for students.
- Public Speaking and Workplace Safety presentations
- Labour Market student presentation
- Port City Workshops – Maritime careers
- Take Our Kids to Work Day
- Job Shadowing

Communication

- Bulletin Boards, signs, lobby monitors, social media posts
- Weekly bulletin for staff
- Monthly email to staff highlighting Career Connected Learning resources and opportunities
- Career Transition Coach attended and presented at Staff Meetings
- Career Transition Coach presentations for parents and community partners
- Career Transition Coach meetings with community partners