



Director Report

January 2017

“Relate. Connect. Understand”

“Micro” Moment:

One of our student business owners has started to understand buying trends. Last month, one of the owners of Amazing Art (a venture which charges citizens to participate in arts and crafts projects). noticed that a lot of students were buying candy canes that one of the other ventures was selling. That gave her an idea -- if candy canes were that popular, then perhaps her venture could include them in an art project somehow! During their next reflection day, she and her employees agreed that their venture's next art project would be a candy cane reindeer craft. They discussed how it was good that another business was just selling plain candy canes because it would get their customers looking forward to more. On the next Marketplace day, she announced to their customers that if they like candy canes, they should come back to Amazing Art for a candy cane craft next week. Her announcement was met with cheers! Their next project was a hit!

Enrollment Numbers (as of 1/13/16):

K - 20	4th - 22
1st - 20	5th - 23
2nd- 21	6th- 23
3rd - 21	Total : 150

Upcoming/Recent Happenings at MACS:

Amy continues to work with board committees. Currently, work has focused around preparing a draft FY18 budget and development initiatives.

Specifically, Amy has been working with the grant writer and on January 13th, they submitted a preliminary grant application to the Louis Calder Foundation. The Foundation “focuses on science- and STEM-related capital improvements and considers grants to organizations with a high-performing academic model and a strong vision of their future goals, helping them make renovations to their existing facilities or the necessary real estate acquisitions for expansion.” MACS seems like a perfect fit! Time will tell.

On the most recent Early Release day, staff underwent CPR/AED training. We now have all staff certified, which is valid for two years. Thank you to our school nurse, Melody Barry for

arranging and helping with the training. The school is still waiting on an AED. It is currently on backorder and will be installed in the MPR upon arrival.

Amy was also able to complete the application to the NH Lottery Commission for a possibility to work with Boston Billiards. Proceeds from their gambling operations must be donated to nonprofits per state requirements. MACS is hopeful once all has been approved, we will be one of the lucky recipients!

Formal yearly observations are underway. The administrative team will be conducting evaluations of all staff over the next couple of months. Staff contracts will be issued in the spring.

MicroSociety Update:

Students have been in full swing at MicroCity! Businesses continue to thrive and excite the students with new and innovative ideas each week. Students never stop impressing us on a daily basis!

We recently had our latest election for a new Vice President and President. Inauguration day was on January 10th. After the new officers were sworn in, they ran their first town hall meeting! Congrats to Ellie and Hershy!

Friends of MACS Update:

Friends of MACS hosted a fundraiser at Launch. It was during an early release day, right after school and raised \$171. Thank you FOM!

On January 20th at 5:30pm, FOM will be hosting a parent night out! Students can be dropped off for Pizza, popcorn and a movie for \$10 and parents can enjoy a night out on the town! MACS staff have volunteered to assist with babysitting. All proceeds come back to the school.

We are currently gearing up for the second annual MACS Auction to be held at the Nashua Country club on April 7th. We are currently accepting items for the silent and live auctions. Please help support the worthy cause by donating goods and services! There is no item too small! We are currently in need of, vacation rentals, sporting event tickets, jewelry, electronics and much much more!

Building Update:

Amy and Dick will be traveling to Concord to present and answer questions regarding the school's application for a direct plus loan. This loan, if approved, would provide the school with a special 1% construction loan with a five year term. More details will come from the finance committee after the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Bottomley, Director

