



Director Report **July 2016**

“Micro” Moment:

The staff went to the National MicroSociety Conference in Hartford at the end of June and unexpectedly left with three awards!

“Rookie Charter School of the Year” - awarded to the outstanding first year charter school.

“3 Star Award” - Awarded to schools who are exceeding in the MicroSociety standards and practices. (Highest star rating is 4 stars - and first year schools are ineligible).

“Student Leader Award” - Awarded to 5th grader Eleanor Kriebel for her outstanding leadership and embracing the Micro philosophies in all that she does! Congrats, Elle!

Upcoming/Recent Happenings at MACS:

The summer is here, and the building has quieted down...but we went out with a bang! MACS staff and students held an end of the year town meeting where we awarded the top/most improved readers and mathematicians in each grade. We also recognized “Top Falcons” and ‘Citizen of the Year,” along with attendance awards. Parents of award winners were invited to attend the meeting. The assembly then ended with a video, courtesy of Mrs. Williams, which you can access at this link https://youtu.be/sSqWday9_gE . It was a memorable year!

Pending a signed contract, the PE position has been offered to Nicole Campbell. Nicole served as the Hollis PreSchool Director for many years and is extremely familiar with developing curriculum, including health and movement for children, along with years of experience working in non-profit school. Nicole has also worked as a special education teacher, bringing a wealth of classroom experience to MACS. Welcome, Nicole!

We have also filled the part time Kindergarten para position. Please welcome Suzanne Mazak. She is a certified teacher with the State of NH and is coming to us from Manchester where she has been a Title I instructional Specialist. Welcome, Suzanne!

Summer Camps did not have much response and all were cancelled except CampKinder. That will be running for one week in July.

We will also be running our three week Title I camp in August.

We currently, do not have enough numbers to run an after school program. We need 10 students to make it self-sustaining. We currently have 4. We will put out another email reminder to our families, but we will need to make a decision by August 1st so there is time to hire staff or notify families if they need to make alternative plans.

In the meantime, Amy and Susannah will be working on summer orders, overseeing camps, summer maintenance needs/projects, and back to school trainings and events. Heidi and Amy will be working over the summer with KLM to setup Quickbooks and prepare for the Audit.

MicroSociety Update:

Our 2016-17 MicroSociety Inc. contract has been signed. We are working with MicroSociety Inc. on a payment schedule. The seem amenable to spreading out the payment in two \$5000 payments. We are requesting Oct 1 and Dec 1 payment dates and anticipate them agreeing to the payment schedule.

As a result of the new contract, Sylvia Sanchez, our Micro trainer, will be visiting in August. She will meet for a full day with all new staff on Aug 29th, the whole school team on Aug 30th and with individuals on Aug 31st. We look forward to her visit and shaping our goals for the upcoming year.

Friends of MACS Update:

Friends of MACS met in June and set the calendar of events for the year. Tennille Huxley, the new FOM President, is working on putting the calendar together. New events include a talent show, fall harvest festival, and family outings at Launch, Greeley Park and Chunkies. We will also continue some favorites from last years Valentines Dance, Movie Night, and the Auction!

Friends of Macs will also be hosting a Volunteer/Activities Night on August 30th (time TBD). Club advisors will be on hand to answer questions and take registrations and the band rental program will be available as well. Friends of MACS will be available to take volunteer signups for the year's events, and we will have volunteer fingerprinting/Cori checks available for any parents that wish to volunteer in the building during the year. MACS would love to see some parent volunteers for the cafeteria this year!

Building / School Budget Status

The playground equipment is in and installed and students were able to have two long awaited weeks of playtime before the year ended. There is still room for expansion, but we have a GREAT start to the playground and the students are thrilled!

The cleaning company has worked with us to do some summer maintenance work around the building. They are in the middle of painting the MultiPurpose/MarketPlace room and all hallways. Classroom teachers may opt to paint their own rooms, and we will supply the paint. Only a couple are opting to do so. We will also have all the floors stripped and waxed and a thorough cleaning throughout the building. We think the students will be excited to return and see the changes in the building!

We will also be starting the roof repairs/replacements during the month of July.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Director