



Director Report

March 2017

“Relate. Connect. Understand”

“Micro” Moment:

It was manager meeting day. Mrs. Williams had gone over a few MicroCity concerns with a group of student managers and business owners. She then opened the floor to any concerns brought forth by the students. The bank manager mentioned that the bank had noticed some errors on employees’ checks when they came to cash them. She started to discuss the problems, then asked “May I just come up to the board for a minute?” Then for the next 15 minutes she provided the group with very organized and thoughtful examples of her concerns. She answered students’ questions and at the end, all the managers appreciated her pointing out issues that had been overlooked. This was a great example of students taking ownership in their positions and becoming strong leaders in their society!

Enrollment Numbers (as of 2/11/17):

K - 20	4th - 22
1st - 19	5th - 22
2nd- 21	6th- 23
3rd - 21	Total : 148

Upcoming/Recent Happenings at MACS:

All observation and formal evaluations for staff are wrapping up. The Human Resources committee has been working on staff and teacher contracts for the 2017-18 school year. Staff will be informed of renewals no later than April 15th.

The NH Lottery Commission application has come in and dates for our fundraising week at Boston Billiards has been assigned. 30% of the gambling profits between March 20-26th will be awarded to MACS! The average take home has been between \$20,000-\$25,000. We are very excited about this opportunity!

Snow day update: We currently have 6 snow days under our belt this year and anticipate one more. Based on the required 990 middle school instructional hours or 945 elementary school hours per the DOE, even with two more additional snow days, we far exceed the elementary

required hours. Next year we will be required to meet the 990 instructional hours when we add 7th grade. We still plan to end this year on June 14th taking into account the impending storm.

Amy continues to work with Fred C. Church and the transition from our past brokers to their brokerage firm. They have been extremely helpful and responsive to all requests!

Amy participated in a panel discussion on non traditional education with the Chamber of Commerce. It was held at World Academy and other panelists included the Directors from World Academy and ASD. There were many thoughtful questions and it was nice to see our unique program be so well received by members of the Nashua business community.

The school is currently conducting a Math Challenge Fundraiser! This will be an optional jeopardy style challenge with finalist moving onto a live round on March 29th! There is a one time entry fee of \$20 per student to participate. All proceeds will go directly to MACS!

MicroSociety Update:

We are anticipating our next visit with Sylvia from MicroSociety Inc. in mid April. We are excited to have her part of our first annual MicroDay! Teachers always enjoy working with Sylvia and getting input on best practices.

Our all day Micro Day will now be in place of Micro Night. It will be on April 19th. Parents and interested stakeholders will be sent a signup genius link so they can reserve a time slot. Visitors will be able to exchange US currency for Micro Bucks and visit student run ventures and agencies! We hope to see everyone attend. The students are excited and already making special plans.

Friends of MACS Update:

We are currently gearing up for the second annual MACS Auction to be held at the Nashua Country Club on April 7th. We are still accepting items for the silent and live auctions and would like all items in no later than March 21st. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased on our website under the auction page or by check.

Building Update:

We are currently waiting on bids for construction projects.

We extend a BIG thank you to the Nashua YMCA volunteer group who sent 13 community members to MACS on February 25th to paint our conference room and computer lab. Thank you!

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Bottomley, Director