



Director Report

November 2018

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“Micro” Moment:

Last month, Micro City citizens who were interested in becoming entrepreneurs submitted business proposals to the MACS staff. Only students in grades 4-8 are eligible to submit business proposals, and each year only about 15-20% of proposed businesses are approved to open and given bank loans. This year, among the stack of one- or two-page proposals was one that stood out considerably. It was a folder with twelve pages of proposal content for a craft business called The Crazy Keychain.

It was evident that the two citizens interested in opening this business had put a lot of time and effort into their proposal, going above and beyond expectations. In addition to the required paperwork, they also included lists of employee positions they would need to fill, materials they would need, a calendar of keychain design production, and possible solutions to various challenges they might encounter as business owners. There were also photographs of sample keychains. The folder even included a petition they had created which contained the signatures of a number of fellow citizens who wanted to support their business.

While a business proposal this thorough would be impressive coming from any Micro City citizen, the fact that it was put together by two fourth graders (the youngest citizens eligible to be business owners) made it even more spectacular! Their proposal was approved, and last week they hired all of their new employees. We can't wait to see some amazing keychains in our marketplace next month!

Enrollment Numbers (as of 11/6/18):

K - 17	3rd - 23	6th - 24
(2) 1st - 41	4th - 23	7th - 24
2nd - 22	5th - 24	8th - 16

Total: 214

Upcoming/Recent Happenings at MACS:

Once again, the MACS school community will be participating in Thanksgiving Baskets for families in need. The 7th grade class is running the project and has asked all classes to sponsor and gather donations towards the baskets that will be delivered prior to the holiday. We love seeing classes with MACS HEART!

The big excitement this month has been around our first Artist in Residence visitor, Randy Armstrong. Randy is an accomplished musician who has played in multiple countries. He started his residency by playing instruments from all over the world and then spent the next week meeting with individual classes and teaching about the art of African drumming. The residency will end with our 4th and 5th grade classes doing a performance for the entire school on the African Drums. The students have loved the experience and are excited for more Artist in Residence programs to come. The performance will be on Friday, November 9th from 1:45-2:45 in the MPR. Parents whose children are performing are welcome to attend.

The MACS Walk-A-Thon has raised just over \$2,000 to date. Thank you to all our donors! To date, the school has raised \$4,342 towards their yearly goal of \$5000!

The middle school hosted a fundraiser to offset the Washington DC trip. They raised \$4,500 of which 40% of the profits will be applied to student DC fees. Individual student profits will be applied to their own accounts. Great job!

This year the staff is working hard to design competency based writing rubrics for each grade level. They are also working to design a progress monitoring assessment in the area of writing so we can track each individual student's progress over the year. As this is such a lofty goal and needs more attention for the development that the Executive Board approved an additional early release on November 20th. This is leading into the Thanksgiving holiday and hopefully will not impact our families.

On November 8th, Amy and Board Members, Jamison Hoff and Tom Malone went to the Department of Education to represent MACS at the State Board of Education monthly meeting. MACS was seeking permission to increase enrollment beginning in the 2020-21 school year and increasing over 5 years to a total of 432 students. We are excited to announce that our request was granted!

Amy's 2018-19 Professional Goal:

One essential component for continued growth is the schools Charter renewal. The renewal process needs to be completed by August of 2019, exactly 5 years from the original approval date. This year, as this is the first time we have undergone the renewal process, I will focus my professional goal on preparing and securing the approval. The approval process with the DOE will be conducted in the Spring of 2019.

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Goal	As measured by	Collected & analyzed by whom?	Checked how often?
To complete 100% of the necessary tasks needed to secure the schools charter renewal and State Board of Education approval for another 5 years of operation.	State Board of Ed Charter Renewal Approval Document	Director and reviewed by Board	End of charter renewal time frame

Tasks	As measured by	Collected & analyzed by whom?	Checked how often?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Join a DOE charter approval committee in order to better understand the process and requirements. 	Committee appointment and completion of the assigned duties as set forth by the Charter School Office at the DOE.	Director and review by Board	end of year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Renewal Application with all supporting documents 	Completed paper application	Director and review by Board	end of year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare and arrange all necessary components for the Charter School On-site Visit; Ie, documents, focus groups, etc 	Completed agenda for visit	Director and review by Board	end of year

MicroSociety Update:

The MicroCity job fair was held this week. All agency and ventures managers and financial managers have been hired and job interviews have concluded. Every student has now been placed in their job and will report to work this week.

MACS PTO Update:

The PTO wrapped up the Fall Festival in October earning \$1860 in revenue towards their yearly goal o \$10,000. Thank you to all who volunteered their time and donated supplies/food for the event. It is a fun night for the students and their families.

The Annual Book Fair just wrapped up as well. We earned about \$2400 in which 40% of that dollar amount will be awarded in scholastic dollars, which can be used to purchase materials and supplies through Scholastic. Thank you to all who participated!

To date, the MACS PTO has raised \$3,600 towards their yearly goal of \$10,000!

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Bottomley
Director