



Director Report

September 2018

“Relate. Connect. Understand”

“Micro” Moment:

After the first week of school, one of our new staff members was already noticing a difference between her students here and those she has worked with at other schools in the past. She was not new to teaching by any means, but this was her first year teaching in a MicroSociety school. "At my old school, the staff and administration were always complaining that the students weren't risk-takers... but that was because they were never given any autonomy!" Here at MACS, however, giving students a voice and choice has helped them to develop confidence and leadership skills. She noticed how mature her students seem, even though most of them are only 10 years old. When discussing classroom fines and rewards, the students took ownership, saying things such as, "That fine should be higher; we are fifth graders now, and we should be responsible enough to meet the class expectations without any warnings!" What a testament to the hard work our staff and students have put in over the past three years, ensuring that we abide by the MicroSociety Guiding Principles in all that we do here at MACS.

Enrollment Numbers (as of 9/10/18):

K - 18	3rd - 23	6th - 24
(2) 1st - 41	4th - 23	7th - 24
2nd - 22	5th - 24	8th - 16

Total: 215

Upcoming/Recent Happenings at MACS:

New staff orientation and back to school workshops took place August 28-30th. As we are now at full capacity adding either grade, that means our staff is growing! We welcomed 10 new staff members this year! New staff received Micro training and curriculum training from Coordinator, Susannah Williams, prior to all staff returning. Trainings for staff included, but not limited to, building procedures, bloodborne pathogens, active shooter, and epi pen/allergy response.

It was a wonderful first day welcoming students back from the summer break. We held our first schoolwide Town Meeting where we welcome new students and staff. Students and staff are happy to be back in a routine and look forward to our community team building event to be held at Stello's stadium on September 21st.

Early release training on September 11th will consist of staff working with our MicroSociety, Inc. trainer, Sylvia Sanchez, to go over the mission statement and goal setting for the upcoming year. School wide goals will help drive teacher's individual goals and help support the schoolwide focus/initiative for the year. She will also meet with new and returning staff in regards to micro start up procedures and where we want to move forward with our micro in the upcoming years.

September 27th will be the Parent Only Open House which provides an opportunity for parents to meet their child's teachers and hear about expectations for the upcoming year. On Friday, October 17th, MACS will be hosting their first Secondary School Info Night. This is an opportunity for middle school parents and students to come meet area private day, private boarding and other charter high schools. We are excited to have such a great event for our MACS families. High school placement is a big decision and we are happy to help offer information regarding other school choices.

MACS Second Annual Walk-A-Thon will be held on Friday, September 28th in Mines Falls. This is a school wide fundraising event where students receive pledge donations for the distance they walk. Students spend time in PE working on their endurance and the healthy benefits of movement that ends with the school wide celebration. Students had a blast last year and we are excited to offer this event again!

MACS PTO

The first MACS PTO event will be the Fall Festival on Friday, October 26th. This will be a night event running from 6-8pm for students and their families. There will be pizza sales and booth full of games and prizes for all! This event also serves as an important fundraiser for the PTO.

Once again, we will be rolling out a volunteer contract at the September Open House Night. MACS need's school community members to volunteer their time in order to continue thriving and building on the success of our school community. We are making the commitment realistic and achievable for all our families, thanks to input from PTO members. The volunteer contact made a huge impact last year and we anticipate the same this year as well.

MicroSociety Update:

Staff have started their weekly Micro Meetings in order to organize the year. Academy periods are now under way. Campaigning 101 through our Micro University will be starting shortly. Any student interested in running for office is required to take this course. Micro City elections will soon follow.

Building Update:

All summer security projects are now complete. This includes new outdoor lighting and a lite sign to increase nighttime visibility, increase speakers and cameras in the building and cameras

outside of the building. We have 16 cameras in all now. We also upgraded our security system to include monitoring, remote access, new fob system, and panic buttons.

We also upgraded our WiFi and sealed and patched the school driveway. Our last project to be completed will start on October 1st. This project entails installing a completely new fence at the back of the school property.

Staffing Needs/Changes:

Please join me in welcoming our new Program Coordinator, Denyelle Klayton. Denyelle served as a classroom teacher, predominantly in middle school since 2000. She served as an Assistant Principal at Alvirne High School in Hudson for two years before becoming an adjunct professor and advisor at Manchester Community College, and later, Franklin Pierce University. She holds multiple New Hampshire certifications, including Principal, and has a BA from Keene State College, MEd from Rivier University and a CAGS from New England College in school leadership. Denyelle looks forward to working in a school again! Her first day is September 11th. Welcome, Mrs. Klayton!

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Bottomley, Director