



Director Report
November 2019
“Relate. Connect. Understand”

“Micro” Moment:

Julianna quickly made friends and found a positive connection as a fourth grade citizen at MicroSociety Academy Charter School. She persevered through typical challenges with friends and academics using the support of teachers and the school counselor, Mrs. Dagianis. As a sixth grader at MACS, Julianna found herself hanging out with a group of students who consistently presented unkind behaviors to staff and students and were constantly off task and in the office. As the school year came to an end, Julianna sought the guidance of our school counselor as she was coming to a new level of awareness. She had noticed a possible connection between her not feeling proud and positive like she had in the past, and the group she was choosing to be with. Mrs. Dagianis always encourages students to embrace their mistakes or what’s not working as an opportunity to learn and get back to authoring the story they want. Although not immediately, this message began to resonate with Julianna and she felt empowered to design a better way of being here at MACS.

While some might assume that their reputation precedes them, Julianna fully embraced the beginning of seventh grade as clean slate and the canvas for her best year yet. Julianna’s natural ability to command a room and connect with others, had always been an asset lying in wait for her to realize her power and responsibility. As she began to reinvent herself, she reconnected with friends who she had drifted apart with, she made repairs with students she had once hurt and continued to seek guidance with Mrs. Dagianis on how to align her thoughts and actions to match her higher self. As a student, a friend, and a citizen, Julianna was fully invested and for the first time on a mission to become fully aware of her potential. This evolution did not go unnoticed. When thinking through the next qualified leader for the esteemed position of Micro City Judge, Mrs. Dagianis knew this was an opportunity for Julianna to step up in a whole new way. Julianna was given the opportunity to share her story with the students of Micro City and assert herself as a well known role model in the school community. She

has a platform to share personally the power she discovered when she began authoring her story the way she wanted it to be written. This is truly a role where she can relate, connect, and understand with the Micro City community and an example of the possibilities when you become aware and design your life.

- Jewel Hurt, MicroSociety Community Liaison will now be authoring our micro moments!

Enrollment Numbers (as of 11/4/19):

K - 19	5th - 24
1st - 32	6th- 22
2nd- 43	7th- 22
3rd - 23	8th- 22
4th - 24	

Total : 231

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 we will be having our first artist in residence program. We will be welcoming The New Hampshire Theater Project (<https://www.nhtheatreproject.org/>) for a three-day residency. They will be working with students on drama created through many different art forms. We are excited to have them visit right before the Thanksgiving vacation.

The MACS Walk-A-Thon has raised just over \$1,500 to date with envelopes still rolling in. Thank you to all our donors! To date, the school has raised \$4,900 towards their yearly goal of \$5000!

Amy's 2019-20 Professional Goal:

One essential component for an effective school and program is communication. Based on the 2019 team building SWOT analysis done with staff, one area mentioned as a weakness is communication. While this was not strongly evidenced in the 2018/19 Director Feedback Survey (see below), it is still important to ensure lines of communication are open, especially with new staff. Therefore, that will be a focus area this year.

Strongly Disagree

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- Disagree	0.00%	0
- Neutral	7.69%	1
- Agree	53.85%	7
- Strongly Agree	38.46%	5
TOTAL		

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Goal	As measured by	Collected & analyzed by whom?	Checked how often?
To increase communication between the Director and Staff and parents.	Recorded and issued monthly communication reports (director reports)	Director and reviewed by board	monthly

Tasks	As measured by	Collected & analyzed by whom?	Checked how often?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a Director to staff report - current events with board work and building concerns 	Recorded and completed monthly communication reports	Director and review by Board	monthly
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch- make myself available during a minimum of one lunch period to encourage conversation and connectedness 	Minimum of 1 time a week	Director and review by Board	Monthly

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send parent email with a link to the Director reports each month 	Monthly emails	Director and review by Board	end of year
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MicroSociety Update:

The MicroCity job fair is complete and all students are placed in jobs! . All agency and ventures managers and financial managers have been hired and trained as well. 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 approximately \$2500 in revenue towards their yearly goal o \$15,000. 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 \$2000 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!

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Bottomley
Director