



Director Report

June 2018

“Relate. Connect. Understand”

“Micro” Moment:

Several weeks ago, a first grader came down to the Government at the beginning of Micro time. It was the very last Marketplace day of the school year. The boy seemed to be very frustrated. The city clerks were trying their best to assist him, and then they called the Vice President for help. They gave him some advice, and he walked away; whatever it was that had happened, it seemed that the problem was solved. A few moments later, however, he returned and was still very upset. At that point the teacher who facilitates the Government asked him to come to her desk to have a conversation about what was going on.

When he sat down, he told her that he was very upset because he had not been paid by his business in weeks, and that he only had \$3 to his name. I asked if he had spoken to the manager and he said that was what he had just done, but that there was nothing they could do; their business was struggling and had not made enough income to pay their workers. With a big sigh, he said, "I guess I won't be buying anything at Marketplace today. I can't spend my last \$3. I know that I have end of the year taxes to pay and I am worried that I don't even have enough to cover those!"

The teacher facilitator offered the first grader a one day seasonal job to work for the Government, as it was a busy time of year for them, and in return she would pay him for a day's work. The catch was that he would have to give up his very last marketplace day to work for her instead of taking the day off to hang out with his friends. His response: "I have to pay my taxes, so therefore I must work. It is the right thing to do." What a great example of a citizen demonstrating responsibility and integrity!

Enrollment Numbers (as of 6/8/18):

K - 39	4th - 23
1st - 20	5th - 23
2nd- 21	6th- 23
3rd - 23	7th- 17
Total : 189	

Upcoming/Recent Happenings at MACS:

The school year is coming to a close. The summer is almost here and with that comes changes for the fall.

We are excited to announce some new hires!

Paul Barker- Grade 4: Mr. Barker has been working in the education field since 2011 with a BA in history and an ME.d. in Educational Leadership. He is a certified elementary ed, social studies and school principal in the State of Alaska where he has been living and teaching for the past 6 years as a fourth grade teacher. He is excited to be moving to New England and starting at MACS in the fall.

Rachelle Natale- Grade 1: Miss Natale holds a BA in Elementary Education from Rivier University and a NH state certification for grades K-6. She joins us from the Fred C. Underhill School in Hookset, NH where she has been working as a Title I Reading instructor. Prior to that, Miss Natale completed her student teaching in Bedford at the Peter Woodbury School. Welcome, Miss Natale!

Ms. Tess McMahon- Grade 1: Ms. McMahon currently works at the Beaver Meadow School in Concord as an Instructional Assistant. She holds a certification in elementary education and a BA from the University of Colorado at Boulder. Prior to moving to NH, she was a classroom teacher in Denver and this summer she will be abroad teaching in China! She is excited to be back in the classroom and teaching first grade at MACS this fall.

Joanne Woodruff - Middle School Math: Miss Woodruff is a NH certified in middle school math. Currently, she is employed with the Dresden School District in Hanover, NH where she has been working as an instructional assistant in their middle and high schools. Miss Woodruff holds a BA from St. Joseph's college in NY and a Masters from Springfield College in MA. The MACS middle school team is excited to have Miss Woodruff on board!

Leaving us is Miss Amanda Studer, PE and Miss Walchak, 2nd grade. Both teachers have accepted positions closer to home on the seacoast as the commutes have proven to be too much, We will miss them!

Miss Froleiks will now move to 2nd grade and Miss Preston will remain our Kindergarten teacher. Also, at this time, Miss McClintick will move to teach 5th grade. However, we are still working to finish up a few more hires who are in process, including special education, part time math and PE. More announcements are forthcoming.

Amy will conduct exit interviews for Board review prior to staffs departures.

MACS will be bringing a team of staff and administrators to the Micro Conference in Jersey City, New Jersey this July. We are bringing some new teachers along with some veteran staff. We look forward to catching up with fellow micro teachers from across the USA! Amy Bottomley will also be presenting a workshop this year titled; *Become an Ambassador for your School: Learn how to market your school, develop a press release, empower the kids, and create your own positive PR and effective use of Social Media.*

MicroSociety Update:

End of the Year Annual Reports were presented by Managers in each agency and venture. This was the first time this was required of citizens and they did an excellent job!

The end of the year assembly on the last day of school recognized students in various categories such as reading and math achievement, classroom “Top Falcon,” and new this year, agencies and ventures awarded an “Employee of the Year” recognition! We also awarded the coveted “Citizen of the Year Award,” our highest honor, to Olivia Sobie. Congrats Olivia!

Also recognized at the ceremony were Community Partner of the Year, Officer Adamson and Volunteers for the Year, Alethea Carter and Danielle Troy. Lastly, we held a special recognition to Lauren Giardina for her board service as a parent representative. Thank you to everyone for their support this year!

MACS PTO Update:

The MACS PTO officers for next year have been announced. Congratulations!

Melissa Oquendo and Natasha Bairamova are co-presidents

Alethea Carter is Vice President

Cheryl Bean is Treasurer

Lynn McGowan is Secretary

The Middle School Washington DC Trip, scheduled for March 2019, has been introduced and the MACS PTO will run a fundraising activity in the fall to help offset costs. The hope is that ALL 6th-8th grade students will attend!

Building Update:

There are many summer projects coming up this summer and exciting changes to the building and grounds.

Frist, thank to a generous donation from Tom Dougherty and a matching donation from his company The River Stone Group, the newly purchased sign will have electricity run to it so it can be lit during evening hours. The \$5,000 in total donations covers the costs and allows for the sign installation to take place next week. Thank you!

Thanks to the infrastructure grant money, MACS will be reimbursed for 80% of the projects recommended by the facilities committee for increased security and visibility measures. This includes additional cameras both in and out of the building, upgraded security system, increased outdoor lighting, a street sign for visibility and tree removal for where the sign will be placed. The facilities committee minutes reflect all the financials around the grant (totalling no more than \$35,000, which MACS is responsible for \$7,000 which was approved earlier and set aside).

The facilities committee is also recommending a replacement of the fence with wooden stockade at no more than \$11,000 and driveway patching, reseal, and painting of lines at \$10,000. These will be voted on at the June Board meeting.

Breakdown of new Costs:

1. Grant - our 20% responsibility: \$7,000 MAX- could be less (already have established set aside) including trees (\$3K)
2. Fence: \$11, 000
3. Driveway: \$10,000

Total : \$28,000

(This is only if we use the full \$35,000 of the grant). Worst case scenario estimate.

Lastly, Amy will be working with Mike from All Clean Cleaners on summer maintenance projects such the painting of offices and cleaning and prepping the floors for the students return. Once again, it will be a busy summer!

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Bottomley, Director