



MicroSociety Academy Charter School  
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Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, October 13, 2021  
6:30PM  
Multipurpose Room - MACS

**I. Board Meeting Called to order**

A. 6:40pm. Present: Amy Bottomley, Barbara Halevi, Thomas Malone, John Dagianis, Suzanne Barkley, Amanda Schneck, via Zoom: David Glasier, Cathy McNamara. Absent: Andrew McWeeney, Tom Dougherty, G. Frank Teas.

**II. Public and School Community Input.**

A. Pamela Missner  
a. Pamela has no comments at this time

Board needs to vote to approve the 2020/2021 auditor notes. Tom M 1sts, Amanda 2nds. By roll call:

Thomas - YES      David - Absent      Amanda - YES      Cathy - YES  
Barbara - YES      John D - YES      Tom D - Absent      Andrew - Absent  
Frank - Absent      Suzanne - YES

Ramifications of the executive committee meeting minutes

1. The Executive Committee was asked to approve a proposal to fix a leak that was coming in from the outside. Hired Masi plumbing and it came out to be \$30,000. They had to dig all of the way to the street and found out that we had a water main line leak underneath the payment. The street shut off valve was broken and Pennichuck Water had to fix that.

David Glasier joins the board meeting at 6:35pm

### III. School Director's Report

- A. Micro Moment - students are beginning to plan their business and how they want the society to look like. The kids are coming up with ways to keep Micro going when we cannot mix classes at this time. The students decided to hire a peace keeper for each classroom.
- B. Enrollment was 251. Budget was 235. Predicted to be at 254 by November 1st
- C. State testing results - SAS Summative Science - 37 tests taken, 51% are proficient or above the whole school score. SAS Summative Mathematics, 52% proficient or above whole school score, SAS Summative ELA was 68% proficient or above the whole school score
- D. Parent teacher sign ups are going out soon
- E. School walk a thon brought in \$2500 (target was a \$1500 goal) in fundraising efforts
- F. Campaigning happened for each of the grades.
- G. PTO - Fall festival is happening on October 22nd outside.
- H. PTO - Book fair will begin on October 15th
- I. PTO - Meadowbrook fundraising will take place in November to help support the Washington DC trip.

Suzanne motions to accept all board meeting minutes and Director's report. John D 2nds. By roll call:

Thomas - YES      David - YES      Amanda - YES      Cathy - YES  
Barbara - YES      John D - YES      Tom D - Absent      Andrew - Absent  
Frank - Absent      Suzanne - YES

All Yes's. Minutes and Director's report accepted.

### IV. Adhoc Committee

- A. The committee has met several times in nonpublic sessions to discuss a financial model and possible locations for an upper campus (5-8 grades) and keep grades K-4 in the current building.

- B. We also as a committee have explored what parents were looking for as a middle school option.
- C. David worked with Amy on enrollment numbers for the program and ran a few different scenarios. Max enrollment is 265 students in the building. We have budgeted 235 and we currently, as of today, have 251.
  - a. Over the last 4 years, enrollment has been at 209, 238, 236, 250
  - b. How many students left MACS after the middle school decision: 18 students; 15 were middle and 3 were elementary kids.
  - c. How many kids left based on our masking policy; 2 students left MACS and 2 switched to VLACS.
- D. Barbara mentioned that the spike in enrollment was due to MACS adding a second class in certain grades due to waitlisted individuals being able to fill the classes.
- E. John D is concerned that if we cannot address the issues that we have heard in the past, regarding the upper levels, then we are spinning our wheels.
- F. David stated and Barbara clarified that the numbers show that we have not left a significant number of elementary kids and we are not having a difficult time filling the lower grade openings.
- G. Tom M said that if we are talking about risk, starting school in the first place was a risk. He is confident that we could build a dynamic middle school program.
- H. Tom M also stated that we should possibly consider a temporary location for the middle school while we look for another location
- I. David stated that we should not force a vote on a decision for middle school, because it would backfire on us potentially.

**V. Treasure and Financial Report**

- A. Excess student enrollment will give us about \$110,000 in extra month.

Motion is made to accept the Treasurer and Financial Reports. Amanda 1sts, John D 2nds.

Thomas - YES	David - YES	Amanda - YES	Cathy - YES
Barbara - YES	John D - YES	Tom D - Absent	Andrew - Absent
Frank - Absent	Suzanne - YES		

All Yes's.

**VI. Facilities Committee**

- A. We already went over the facilities update on the water main issue. Nothing else to notate at this time. He is working on some things on the HVAC.

**VII. Development Committee**

- A. The Lucky Moose Casino & Tavern - MACS netted \$11,368.52 from the 10 days of charitable donation.
- B. We discussed the opportunity to grow the fundraising efforts for MACS. We are going to think about the best way to begin these efforts and bring them to our next meeting.
- C. Chamber Gala - Amanda sent an email to Wendy to see if there are any additional sponsorship opportunities and available tickets to the gala. We will advise the full board that we may need to consider changing the November board meeting as it falls on the same day as the gala.
- D. Tom M mentioned that he receives postcards from another charter school in Lowell and wondered if it was something we could do. Amanda advised that we could look at doing a mailing based on a specific demographic criteria, design a landing page and add a QR code to the postcard to learn more about MACS. Amanda will follow up more with the print shop on this idea.

**VIII. HR & Governance**

- A. Tom M would like to have the strategic plans from the committee chairs in hand for the November meeting. We are currently missing Development and Facilities.
- B. The committee is going to take a look at the board calendar on deliverable due dates, etc. so that we can accurately make decisions and people to review items.

**IX. New Business**

- A. David mentions that an article came out for a school in another state where a board was sued for not having a mask policy. He wonders if we should consider taking another look at the policy.
- B. Every test that the school has run has shown that no one has tested positive. The additional air filters are all in.

John D motions to adjourn the meeting. Suzanne 2nds.

Thomas - YES      David - YES      Amanda - YES      Cathy - YES  
Barbara - YES      John D - YES      Tom D - YES      Andrew - YES  
Frank - YES      Suzanne - Absent

Meeting adjourned at 8:09PM