



Director Report

March 2020

“Relate. Connect. Understand”

“Micro” Moment:

While students have certainly missed the traditional in-person MicroSociety experience, they quickly learned how to create entertaining digital products and services. Now that we have returned to the hybrid model, many ventures will transition to offering hand-made crafts in addition to digital experiences. Students in Animal Crafts, a third grade venture, have taken this opportunity to explore their own interests while working as a team to create a product. While remote, they put together a package of digital coloring books, puzzles, and educational videos about dinosaurs to sell at the marketplace. Now they are working on expanding the business by using the 3D printer to make dinosaur figurines, printing animal stickers using a Cricut machine, and selling Create Your own Fossil kits. Almost all venture ideas were brainstormed by the students and they have taken great initiative to complete work whether they are at school or at home. Sophia, a fully remote student, even wrote and illustrated a digital storybook for the venture to sell! We couldn't be more proud of these resilient Micro Citizens and their drive to keep trekking onward. - by Jewel Hurt

Enrollment Numbers (as of 3/5/21):

K - 20	3rd - 46	6th - 24
1st - 21	4th - 24	7th - 19
2nd - 39	5th - 24	8th - 19

Total: 236

Upcoming/Recent Happenings at MACS:

This year we had approximately 130 applicants for the 2021-22 school year. The public lottery was held in the MPR via a Facebook recording on Wednesday, March 3rd at 11am. Families of children who were accepted will be notified in the next week or two, followed by all other applicants with their waitlist order. Best of luck to all our hopeful families!

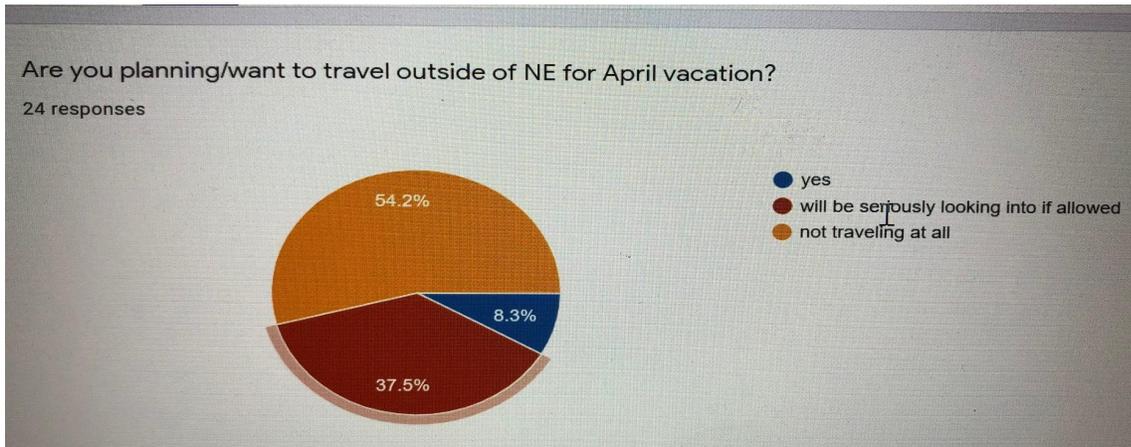
Budget season is underway and all staff evaluations are on track to be completed next week. We anticipate offering teacher contracts by April 15th. It is hard to believe that spring is almost here, which means 2021-22 school year preparation begins for the administrative team. We

anticipate presenting the board with the 2021-22 school calendar at the April Board meeting for approval.

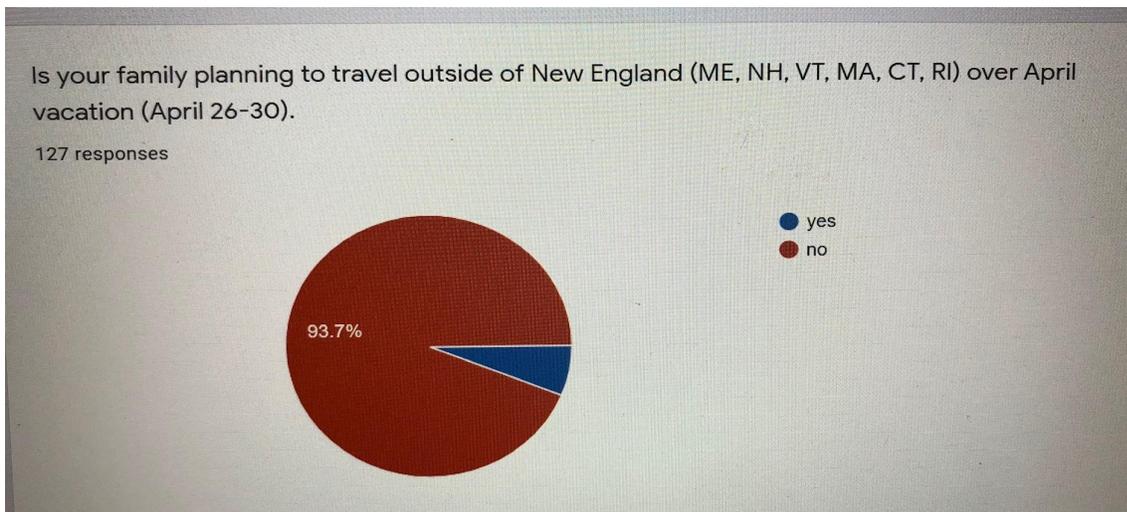
School opened for the first time since the Thanksgiving break, and it was not without struggle. We did experience our first positive exposure of the year. This ended up affecting 3 staff members and about 7 students who were then in need of a 10 day quarantine. Fortunately, we were able to still conduct school, with some adjustments to our remote learning cohort schedule. I would like to thank all the staff and families for their understanding and cooperation as we navigated through our first contact tracing investigation. Keeping with protocol, DHHS was contacted and a thorough cleaning of the affected areas was completed.

Staff and parents were surveyed regarding potential travel for the April vacation week. Here are the results:

Staff (24 responses):



Families (27 responses):



Staffing changes have occurred over the last couple months. We said goodbye to Lauren Moylan who resigned to stay home with her family. We wish her well!

We are pleased to announce some new staff members joining the MACS team! Mary Garces, RN, will be starting on March 15th as our new nurse. Danielle Poublon and Rachel Nakos will have joined our para/support staff team. Welcome!

MicroSociety Update:

Now that students are back in the building, elementary school ventures are working on ways to produce physical products in addition to online services. Meanwhile, the middle school students in their LevelUp program are beginning their second challenge with a focus on STEM. Their challenge is to design a game, build a prototype, conduct a market research survey, and submit a finalized Game Design Document to be reviewed by a panel of judges.

MACS PTO Update:

New this year will be a Virtual Cutest Pet Contest! This will take place the week of March 15th - 19th. Details on how to enter will be released shortly.

From now until the end of the year, all students will be given a coin roll as part of our Coin Saver Fundraising Initiative. Once a child fills the coin roll they can return it to the school and receive another. The class who turns in the most coin rolls will receive a pizza party. Coin rolls will be distributed over the next 2 weeks.

Respectfully Submitted,

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