

WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Pupil Services Committees
March 8, 2021
7:00 p.m.
Livestream - WCASD YouTube Channel

AGENDA

- **February 8, 2021 Committee Meeting Minutes** **Ms. Chester**
- **School Caseworker Presentation** **Mrs. Alston**

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**Pupil Services Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2021
Pupil Services Committee Meeting**

Ms. Chester opened the meeting at 7:56 pm.

Attending Committee Members: Joyce Chester, Sue Tiernan, Daryl Durnell, Kate Shaw

Other Board Members: Chris McCune, Randell Spackman, Karen Hermann

Administration: Tammi Florio, Robert Sokolowski, Sara Missett, Michael Wagman, Dawn Mader, Jim Scanlon

Items listed on the agenda:

- January 11, 2021 Committee Meeting Minutes
- Mental Health Overview Presentation
- Family Services of Chester County Contract
- Policy Revisions Second Read:
 - 113.1 Discipline for Students with Disabilities
 - 113.2 Behavior Interventions
 - 113.4 Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information

Actions and Outcomes:

- Approval of the January 11, 2021 Committee Meeting Minutes Vote: 4-0
- Approval of the following policies Second Read Vote: 4-0
 - 113.1 Discipline for Students with Disabilities
 - 113.2 Behavior Interventions
 - 113.4 Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information

Items to be placed on upcoming Board Agenda:

- Family Services of Chester County Contract

Items to be placed on the Consent Agenda:

- The following policies Second Read:
 - 113.1 Discipline for Students with Disabilities
 - 113.2 Behavior Interventions
 - 113.4 Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information

Items to be discussed at a later date: None

The meeting ended at 8:29 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 8, 2021 – 7:00 pm



West Chester Area School District

OUR MISSION IS TO EDUCATE AND INSPIRE OUR STUDENTS
TO ACHIEVE THEIR PERSONAL BEST



School Caseworker Supports 2020-2021

We currently have 8 school caseworkers

- 4.5 at the elementary level
- 3.5 at the secondary level



Areas of Increased Need

- Food Instability
- Housing Instability
- Access to online education
- Attendance/Engagement



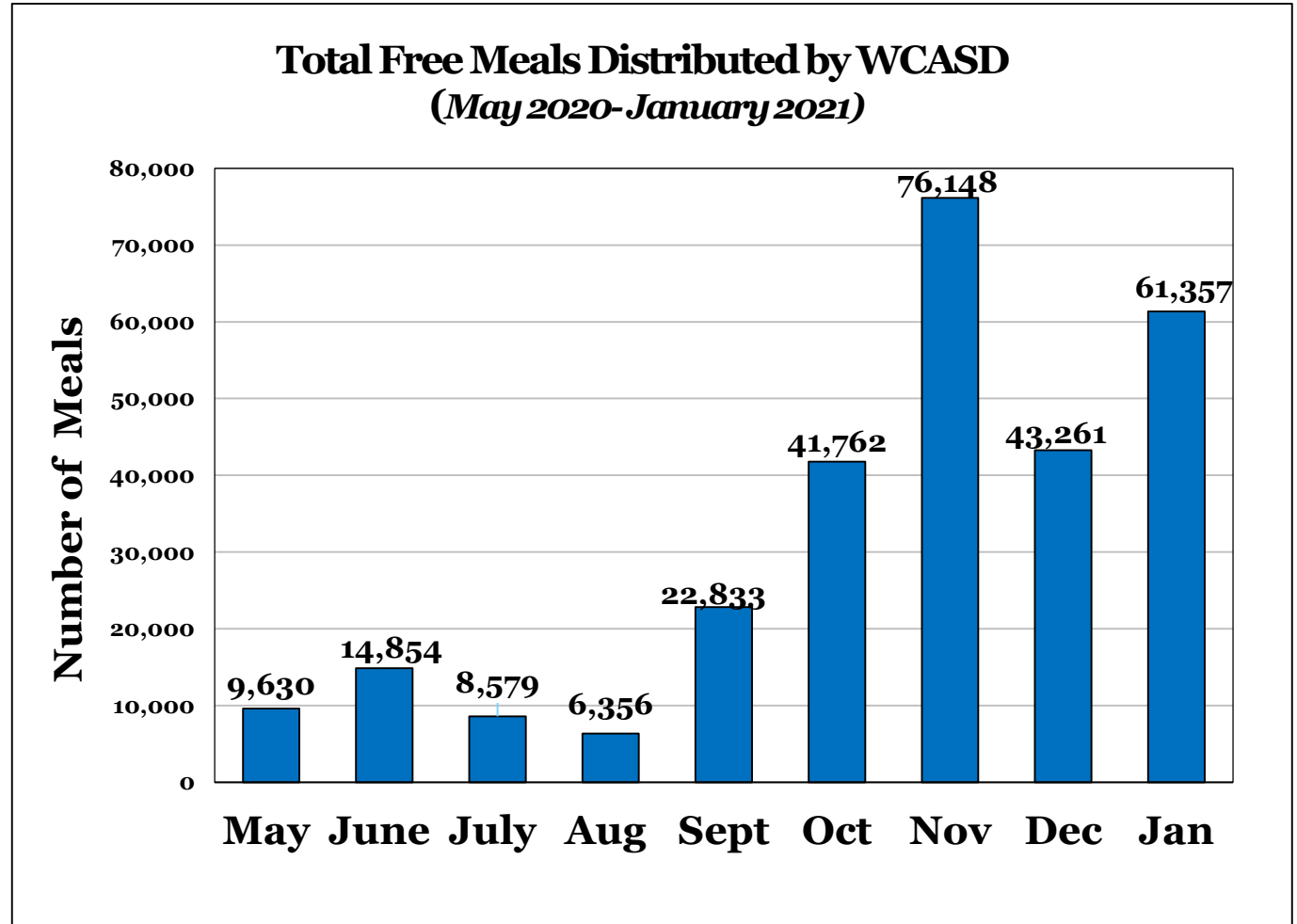
National School Lunch Program

- Two Open sites
- 14 Closed enrolled sites
- 15.3% eligible for the NSLP Program
- Meal Delivery
- Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer



Meal Distribution-District Wide

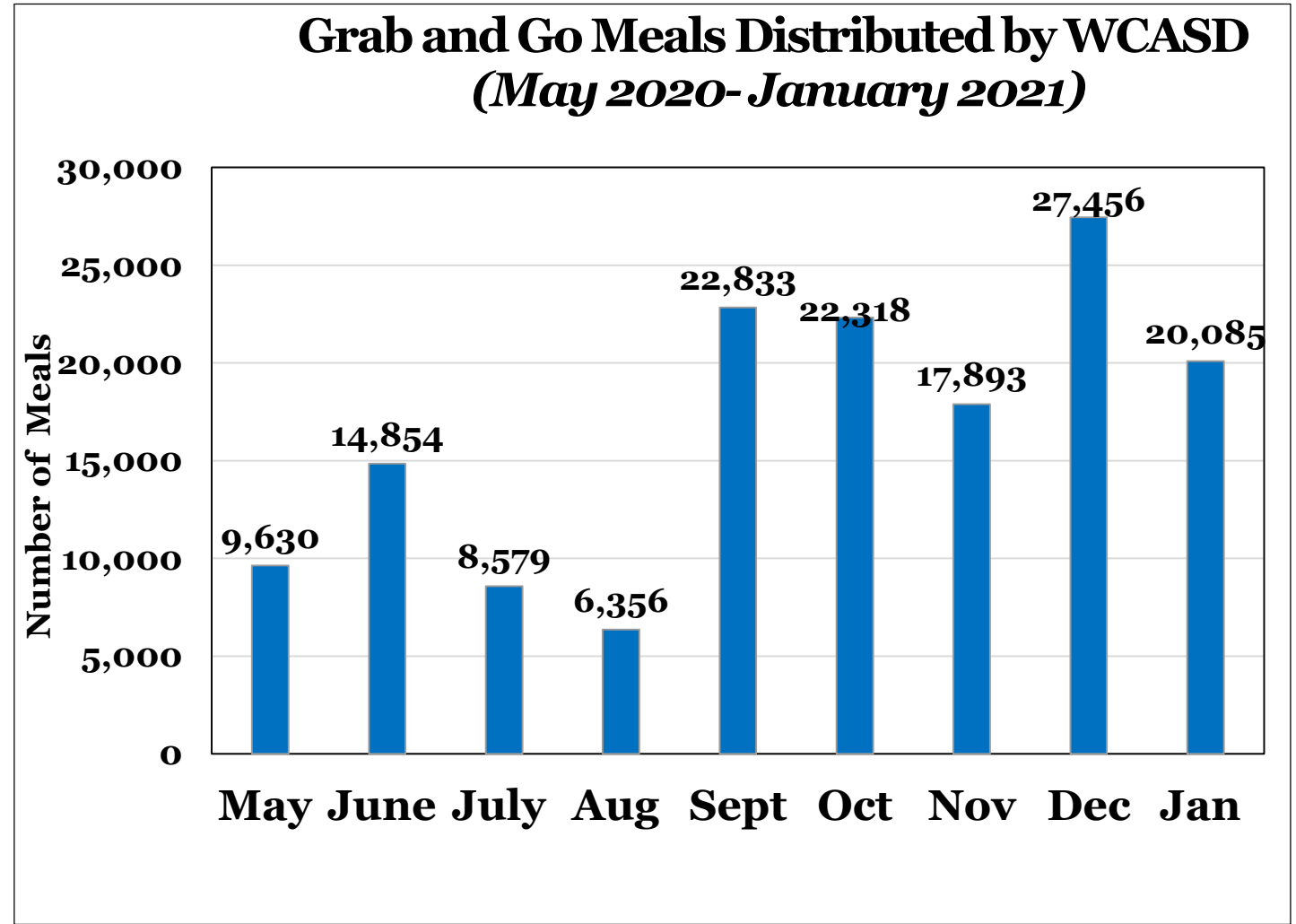
Month	Total Meals
May	9,630
June	14,854
July	8,579
Aug	6,356
Sept	22,833
Oct	41,762
Nov	76,148
Dec	43,261
Jan	61,357
Total	284,780





Meal Distribution-Grab and Go

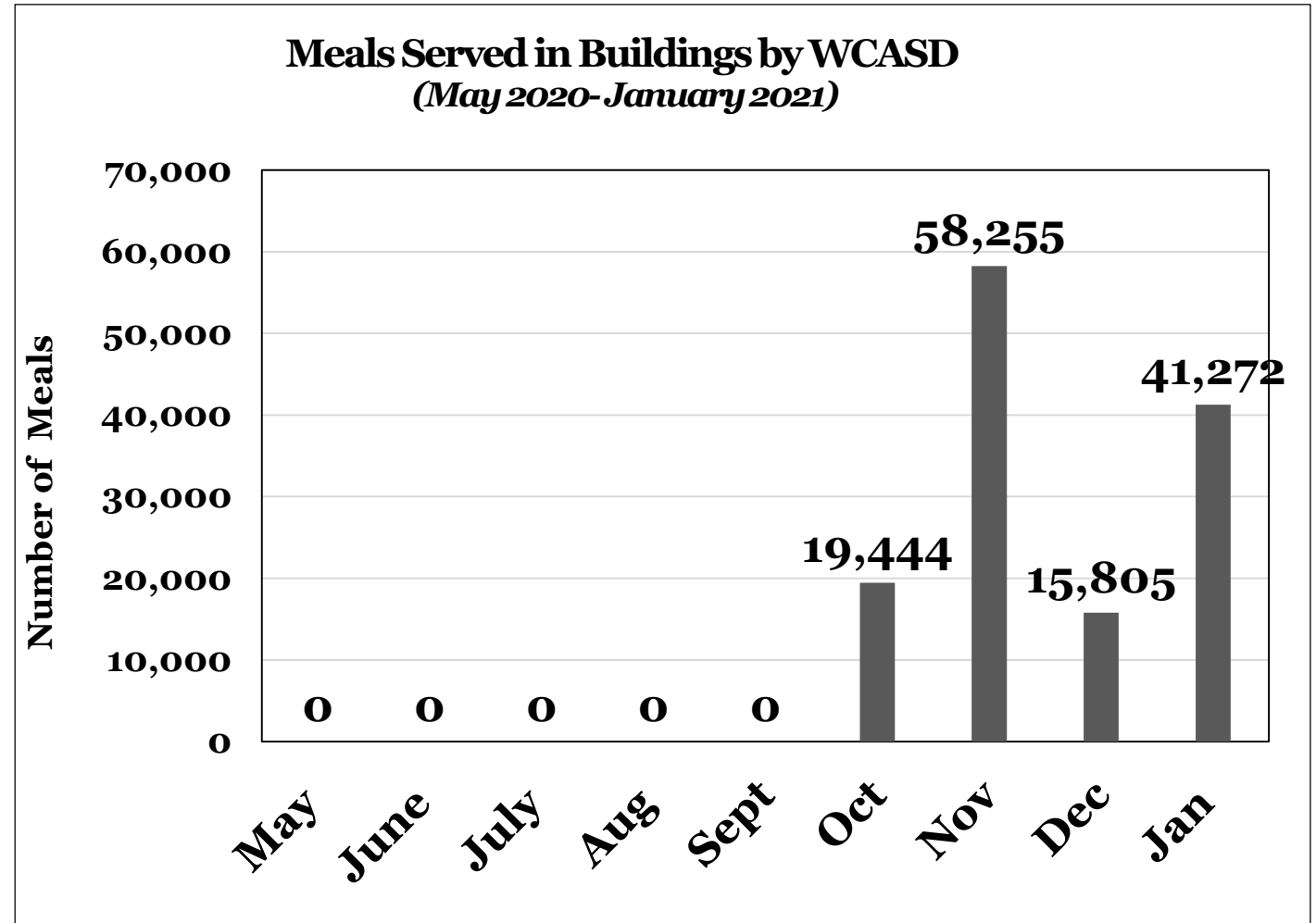
Month	Grab and Go Meals
May	9,630
June	14,854
July	8,579
Aug	6,356
Sept	22,833
Oct	22,318
Nov	17,893
Dec	27,456
Jan	20,085
Total	150,004





Meal Distribution-In Buildings

Month	Served in Buildings
May	0
June	0
July	0
Aug	0
Sept	0
Oct	19,444
Nov	58,255
Dec	15,805
Jan	41,272
Total	134,776





McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Program

- Identified 124 students
- 75% increase
- 4 day a week priority
- Increased check ins with students and families
- Partner with Tori Nuccio at West Chester University to provide college presentations
- Fostering Independence Tuition Waiver Program
- State audit this year



Partnerships

- **National Giving Alliance**
 - 125 Sweatshirts
- **Keystone Volvo**
 - 120 coats
- **The Rotary Club of West Chester**
 - \$1,000 in school supplies
- **Experience Church**
 - \$2000 gift cards
- **West Chester Fire Company**
 - \$2,000 Household items
- **Community Donations**
 - \$12,000 food card drive
 - School supplies
 - Cleaning Supplies for families
- **Giant**
 - \$5,400
- **John Serock Catering**
 - Catered meals
- **PTO**
 - 43 Families catered meals
 - 21 Families food gift cards
 - Thermometers, hand sanitizer, water bottles
 - Vouchers for book fair at elementary



Holiday Support

- Food Cupboard donations by staff
- Staff Donations
 - \$20,000 in gift cards
 - 217 families
- Staff Giving Tree
 - 60 families
- Community members adopt a family
 - 9 families supported
- East Goshen Township/Friends of East Goshen
 - \$2,786.00 food cards
- Club House Performance of West Chester
 - \$1,000 Toys for 50 families
- PTO
 - 30 Families with food baskets
- Grocery Gift cards from community members
 - \$1,400
 - 7 families



Technology

- Devices
- Internet Access
 - Over 235 students needing hotspots
 - Verizon, AT&T, T-Mobile
 - Referrals to Comcast Internet Essentials
 - Federal-Emergency Broadband Benefit Fund



Attendance

- Student Attendance Improvement Plans increased 167%
- Referrals to outside supports an increase of 440%
- Changes to the Attendance Guidelines
 - Electronic parent notes
 - Increased parent note allowance and timeframe to submit
 - Review of attendance and work completion
 - Increased the number of unlawful that would trigger a Student Attendance Improvement Plan at the secondary level



Attendance Programs

- **Allhere**
 - Piloting in three high schools
 - Two way texting communication
 - Assists primarily with attendance
 - Accessing district information to answer questions parents may have
 - Three languages
- **Virtual Attendance Support Program**
 - CCIU
 - CARES money
 - Students struggling with attendance in remote setting



Attendance Programs

▪ Truancy Prevention Program

- In home services to support students and families
- Free
- Contracted service to address attendance through Children, Youth and Families

▪ ATTEND

- Through the CCIU
- In home services to support students and families
- District funded



Spanish Services

- 2 Bilingual school caseworkers
- 2 Contracted Spanish Language Line staff
 - Provides assistance with registrations
 - Respond to parent questions
 - Interact with school staff to provide support to students and families
- Translation of documents, letters, notifications
- Padres Latinos



A Day in the Life: Case Review