

**Vandalia Community District #203**  
**1109 N 8<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Vandalia, IL 62471**  
Nick Casey

**Superintendent's Report**  
**3/20/2018**  
**5:00 PM**

**District Website** www.vandals203.org

**Calendar**

- March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 11:45 Dismissal- SIP
- March 28<sup>th</sup> – 2:15 Dismissal- Spring Break
- March 29<sup>th</sup> – April 3<sup>rd</sup>- Spring Break

**Technology Report**

- Chromebook repairs have been steady lately but not to bad. Most of the issues have just been keyboard failures while are of no fault of the students.
- PARCC Testing is setup and ready to go with the extra caching server in place to help with the load of the students doing the test all at once. We have also updated the clients on the computer lab in the VES Library to be able to use it as well.
- Everything else tech has been running just fine.

**Finance Committee**

The committee (Campbell, Hall, Meseke, and Casey) reviews fund balances and bills. The Finance Committee met on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The committee meets to review bills, fund balances, state budget shortfall and general financial information.

**Policy Committee**

The committee (Goldsmith, Lawson, Hall, Casey, Meseke, Protz, Kern) reviews policy updates from the IASB. The committee meets to review all policy updates (provided by the Illinois Association of School Boards) and makes recommendations to the BOE for adoption. **We need to schedule a policy committee to review Press Plus Policy updates.**

**Building and Grounds Committee**

The committee (Palmer, Smith, Lawson, Casey, Kopp, Dave Rickman, Steve Stombaugh, Kern, Dugan, Hobbie, Graumenz, Bogart, Andy Hipsher) **The committee met on March 5<sup>th</sup>. It was decided to move forward with the Gym Bathroom Renovations, the gym steps and concrete, and the high school office steps and concrete.**

**Transportation Committee**

The committee (Palmer, Lawson, Casey, Critcheloe, Mesnard, Krueger)

**Student Safety Committee**

The Committee (Palmer, Goldsmith, Hall, Jeff Ray, Josh Morrison, Chris Smith, Amy Schaal, Kendra Craig, Steve Stombaugh, Kopp, Critcheloe, Casey, Protz, Kern, Mesnard). **The committee met on March 5<sup>th</sup>. The committee discussed our overall safety plan and communication strategies. The local police department was praised for their continued presence at our schools. There were various suggestions such as a School Resource Officer to reviewing current policies and procedures including evacuating during fire drills. Chief of Police Jeff Ray stated the cost of one School Resource Officer would be \$100,000 with salary and benefits.**

**Personnel Committee Meetings**

The Committee (Goldsmith, Wasmuth, Casey) will meet as needed.

**Athletic Committee Meetings**

The Committee (Hall, Campbell, Wasmuth, Kern, Protz, Casey and 4 parents TBD) will meet as needed.

**School Wellness Committee Meetings**

The Committee (Wasmuth, Hall, Casey, Lotz, Kelly Curll, Stombaugh, Krueger, Mesnard) will meet as needed.

**Concussion Committee Meetings**

The Committee (Smith, Palmer, Hall, Casey, Kern, Protz, Whitten) meets each year to review board policy, return to play policy and general protocol for concussion responsibilities.

**Student Discipline Committee Meetings**

The Committee (Palmer, Goldsmith, Wasmuth, Casey, Protz, Krueger, Kern, Holliday, Mesnard, Emerick, Eckhart, Stewart, Tarkington, Schaal, Lewis, Reeter, Wollerman) meets each year to review discipline procedure and compliance with the Illinois School code.

**Building Reports**  
**High School Board Report**  
**Randy Protz- Principal**  
**Greta Krueger – Asst. Principal**

1. Chorus will be hosting Donkey Basketball in the High School Gym, Tuesday March 27, 7:00pm. Tickets are \$7 each.
2. Jostens will be here Tuesday March 27<sup>th</sup> handing out announcements, caps and gowns, and senior trinkets.
3. FFA Banquet is Wednesday March 28<sup>th</sup>, 6pm.
4. 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter progress reports will go out Monday May 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Junior High Board Report**  
**Brian Kern – Principal**  
**Brian Holliday – Asst. Principal**

- **Kelsey Hall-** daughter of Matt and Tara Hall was chosen by the eighth grade teachers to be the recipient of the DAR Good Citizenship award for Vandalia Junior High. Hannah was recognized at an awards ceremony in Greenville on Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Activities for the Month:**

- **Band and Chorus** - participated in IESA Solo and Ensemble contests. These are individual entries which will compete on March 17 in Effingham
- **Track** started their practice on Monday March 12<sup>th</sup> Their first meet is 4/4at Effingham
- **PARCC Test-** We began testing 3/19 for all grades.
- **Pennies for Patients** – VJHS raised \$1376.14 for this cause by bringing in spare change. The top three homerooms from 4/5 and the top three from 6-8 were rewarded by the 5/6 student council.
- **4<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Music concert 3/22 – 7pm at VES

**Guidance Information**

- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Scholarship-** students will be writing essays for the Vandalia Schools Foundation \$1000.00 scholarship on March 15.
- **8<sup>th</sup> grade** – attended career conference at KC on 3/7

**Elementary Board Report**  
**Stacy Mesnard – Principal**  
**Larry Emerick – Asst. Principal/VCUSD #203 Special Education Director**

- We conducted an intruder drill with our second and third graders in the cafeteria in late February. The plan is to do a similar training with kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade this spring. The goal is for our students to know exactly what to do and where to go if there were to be an intruder in the building during their lunchtime.
- SAFE did their anti-bullying presentations for our students' kindergarten-3<sup>rd</sup> grade on February 23. We also hosted an assembly with Faith Griffin from Griffin Therapeutic Services – she discussed being a good friend, how rumors can hurt others, and the difference between telling and tattling.
- Our PTO helped us host a wonderful Read Across America week in early March. We hosted a Book Fair that generated almost \$9,000, a Family Reading Night including games, snacks, and other parental/child involvement activities, a Grandparent's Day event with wonderful participation, and fun days throughout the week such as

stripes, red and blue, and crazy socks days. A big shout out to Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Well for helping make this a great week for our students!

- Mr. Shreve organized a dodgeball tourney for our kindergarten and first grade students and their parents this past Friday, March 16.

**OKAW Area Vocational Center Board Report**  
**Nick Casey – Director**

- 2018-2019 registration will begin soon.
- Building Trades – cabinets were installed, installing floor tile, and will be starting trim work next.

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***The Mission of the Vandalia Community School District: “To prepare the students of our community for their future so they may become responsible members of society.”***