

Vandalia Community District #203
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Superintendent's Report
10/17/17

District Website

www.vcs.fayette.k12.il.us or www.vandaliaschools.com

Calendar

- October 24th – Bullying/Conflict Resolution Assembly @ VCHS Gym – 5:30-7:00 PM
- October 26th – One Hour Early Dismissal for Parent Teacher Conferences
- October 27th – No School Parent Teacher Conference Day
- November 10th – Half Day Students and Half Day Professional Development for staff
- November 22nd thru 24th – Thanksgiving Break

Technology Report

- We have recently been approved for our E-Rate Projects for this fiscal year. They include a new wireless system at the Elementary School as well as the OKAW Vocational Center. Heart Technologies won the bid on both of those projects so we are working to coordinate some dates that they can come in and do the work and not interrupt school. They will be installing new wireless access points with dedicated wiring for those and new network a couple new switches as well. Part of this E-Rate Project that was approved as well was the battery backup units that were put in over the summer. With the approval of the funding we have applied for the reimbursement for the 80% of those backups already.
- Our ISBE Fall Enrollment data has been all updated and is correct with the state by their Fall Enrollment October 13th deadline. The rest of the state data is also looking very good.

Finance Committee

The committee (Campbell, Hall, Meseke, and Well) reviews fund balances and bills. The Finance Committee will meet next on October 17, 2017. The committee meets to review bills, fund balances, state budget shortfall and general financial information.

Policy Committee

The committee (Goldsmith, Lawson, Hall, Well, 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) met on September 27th to review IASB policy change recommendations.

Building and Grounds Committee

The committee (Palmer, Smith, Lawson, Well, Kopp, Dave Rickman, Steve Stombaugh, Kern, Dugan, Graumenz, Andy Hipsher) met on September 27th. The committee reviewed summer work completion (gym floor cleaning, football field scoreboard, VES Roof, VES water piping partial replacement, VCHS exterior brick tuck pointing and sealing, VCHS roof cap, general room and building cleaning), additional exterior lighting at bus garage area being added, and current issues of need in each building.

Transportation Committee

The committee (Palmer, Lawson, Well, Critcheloe, Mesnard, Krueger) met on September 27th. The committee reviewed the Bus Driver work book, summer bus maintenance work – general bus cleaning, brake work and seat repair, dates for bus evacuation drills with the students (early October), working condition of bus cameras (all currently working in all regular bus route buses), needs for future buses-activity buses-vans and wheel chair accessible buses, and looking for a bus data system tracking pickups and drop offs for continually changing student/parent needs.

Student Safety Committee

The Committee (Palmer, Goldsmith, Hall, Jeff Ray, Josh Morrison, Chris Smith, Amy Schaal, Kendra Craig, Steve Stombaugh, Kopp, Critcheloe, Well, Protz, Kern, Mesnard, Casey) met on September 27th to review Crisis Management Plans, discussed lock down drills in each building and future planning of drills, live tested the intruder alarm, views VCHS and Okaw cameras and viewed them live and discussed building maps with needs of all city and county department needs placed on the maps.

Personnel Committee Meetings

The Committee (Goldsmith, Wasmuth, Well) 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, Well, Lotz, Kelly Currell, Stombaugh, Krueger, Mesnard) will meet as needed.

Concussion Committee Meetings

The Committee (Smith, Palmer, Hall, Well, 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, Well, Protz, Krueger, Kern, Holliday, Mesnard, Emerick, Eckhart, Stewart, Tarkington, Schaal, Lewis, Reeter, Wilson, Wollerman) met on September 27th. The committee reviewed SB 100, reviewed current drug testing information for VCHS HS athletes, and Hot Topics such as bullying and bullying prevention ideas, bus issues and technology issues with students. The administration has set up speakers, lesson plans and other building activities for October and various other times during the year (the dates and plans are on the school website).

Building Reports

High School Board Report

Randy Protz- Principal

Greta Krueger – Asst. Principal

- This school year Vandal Pride (PBIS) is going to recognize one senior, one junior, one sophomore, and one freshman as Students of The Month. Each month students will be nominated and voted on by their teachers for either being responsible, respectful, or ready. The winners will receive a free lunch at the Gallatin Street Grille with the Vandal Pride Team. For the month of September, Keaton Hampton, Caddie Howard, Sophie Whitten, and Dillon Jackson won for displaying acts of responsibility. Next month will be displaying acts of respect.
- FFA Soils Judging Team won the Soils Judging contest and will advance to State competition at Black Hawk Junior College. Dalton Whitten as an individual finished 1st overall and received 18 college credits hours free to KC.
- FFA Soils Judging Team finished 6th Place Overall Finish at the State Soils Judging Competition out of 25 teams. Nicholas Wollerman for finishing as State Runner Up in the State Soils Judging Competition out of 115 individuals.
- 1st quarter ends Friday October 20.
- Fall Chorus Concert will be Tuesday October 24, 7pm at Unity Baptist Church.
- Picture retake day is Thursday October 26.
- Parent teacher conferences are Thursday and Friday October 26 and 27.
- We will be hosting the IHSA Class 2A Volleyball Super Sectionals Friday November 3rd, 6pm.
- VCHS Talen show is Thursday November 9th, 7pm in the high school gym.

Junior High Board Report

Brian Kern – Principal

Brian Holliday – Asst. Principal

- First Quarter will end on October 20th. Grade cards will be sent home on Wednesday October 25th.
- October is Bullying Awareness Month – Special lessons and activities scheduled throughout the month to address acceptance of others and treating all with kindness.
- Girls Basketball has home games on October 31 and November 7, 16, 17. VJHS is hosting the 7th grade girls' basketball sectional on 11/29 and 8th grade sectional on 12/6 at 6:30pm

- Boys Basketball is just beginning their season and will start with games the last week of October. The seventh grade will play in a tournament in Pana. The boys have home games on November 9th, 28, 30 Dec. 4, 5, and host a 7th grade tourney on the 9th
- The junior high band will march in the Vandalia Halloween Parade on the 26th. Some individual members of the band and chorus have participated in IMEA contests on October 7th. The following JH students have auditioned and made the ILMEA District 5 Honor Band or Choir: Shaelyn Cole (8) Trumpet; Jade Roedl (8) Flute; Choir: Victoria Blackburn (7); Mariah Durbin-Flack (8); Richard Kirk (8); Johanna Shields (7)
- 10th hour will be 10/20
- Chorus concert – 10/24 at Unity Baptist Church – 7pm
- Picture re-takes and Fall athletic pictures will be 10/26.
- VIP reward – Out to lunch for targeted behavior the last week in October

**Elementary Board Report
Stacy Mesnard – Principal**

Larry Emerick – Asst. Principal/VCUSD #203 Special Education Director

- PTO paid for a Wildlife Assembly with Bob Tarter in September. He brought a hawk, a rare species of rabbit, a HUGE snake, and a bat for students to learn about and see!
- Our PTO has been very active this year. They are considering purchasing a couple of chrome books or tablets for each classroom for student use. They have sold 500 boxes of chocolate bars already this year. Many parents have already committed to helping with this year's Fall Fun Fest coming up in early November.
- VES hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive on September 27 that resulted in 30 donations.
- The annual PBIS Lunch on the Lawn with HS athletes was on Friday, Sept. 29. It was a beautiful day and our students were able to eat a sack lunch and play with the high school students. This reward was for all students who demonstrated good behavior during September.
- Kindergarten teachers met with a KIDS assessment coach recently for training so that they can administer the KIDS assessment to all of their students by the 40th day of school (October 13). This is a new, mandatory requirement by the state of Illinois.
- 2nd grade went on their annual St. Louis Zoo field trip on October 5.

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

- We have received another \$59000 payment for last year's grant.
- Shingles are on and windows, soffit and siding will be next for this year's Building Trades house.
- Auto Mechanics and Auto Body went to NHRA Event in St Louis that was sponsored by the Army YES program.
- Foods and Office Tech, and the CNA students have begun going to works sites.
- Fayette County CEO program is making progress to begin classes starting next Fall. Beth Kern and I serve as advisory Board members.

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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.”