

Vandalia Community District #203
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Rich Well – Supt.

Superintendent's Report
11/21/17

District Website

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Calendar

- November 22nd thru 24th – Thanksgiving Break
- December 26th thru January 3rd – Christmas Break No School for Students
- January 3rd – Teacher Professional Development Day for Teaching staff
- January 15th – No School MLK Holiday

Technology Report

- Things have calmed down from the hacking of the server that took place the afternoon of October 20th. We rebuilt the whole server from scratch which included three other virtual servers running on that main server. After many hours an of loading and restoring of backups that had some age on them, I was able to get the internet going within the whole district by about 11:30pm on the 20th and the website back up and going around 11:30am on the 21st. Since that, we have taken extra steps in the security of the servers and with the remote access. Reading Counts is up and running in the new cloud based service that has been purchased. There were a few bugs with the new service but once those got lined out all has been well since.
- Heart Technologies are planning on coming in over Christmas Break and starting on running the wiring in the Elementary School and OKAW Building for the Erate Projects that have been approved previously.

Finance Committee

The committee (Campbell, Hall, Meseke, and Well) reviews fund balances and bills. The Finance Committee will meet next on December 19, 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).

Building and Grounds Committee

The committee (Palmer, Smith, Lawson, Well, Kopp, Dave Rickman, Steve Stombaugh, Kern, Dugan, Graumenz, Andy Hipsher) will next meet in January.

Transportation Committee

The committee (Palmer, Lawson, Well, Critcheloe, Mesnard, Krueger) will next meet in January.

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) will next meet in January.

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, 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) will next meet in January.

Building Reports

High School Board Report

Randy Protz- Principal

Greta Krueger – Asst. Principal

- Vandal Pride (PBIS) is going to recognize one senior, one junior, one sophomore, and one freshman as Students of The Month. For the month of October, Chandler Boyd, Cori Hipsher, Brayden Kaiser, and Madyson Hill won for displaying acts of respect. Next month will be displaying acts of readiness.
- Interact collected over 225 items for their annual birthday cake drive that benefits the 6:35 pantry. Interact students also helped the Vandalia Tourism committee prepare for the Olde Tyme Christmas.
- Next Progress reports are due December 1st..
- Winter Chorus concert is December 11th, 7pm, at First United Methodist Church.
- Winter Band concert is December 18th, 7pm, in the high school gym.

Junior High Board Report

Brian Kern – Principal

Brian Holliday – Asst. Principal

- First Quarter Honor Roll- we had 444 students achieve a 3.00 grade point average or above. The breakdown by grade level was 87 students in 4th grade, 86 students in fifth grade, 94 students in sixth grade, 91 students in seventh grade, and 86 students in eighth grade.
- Girls Basketball is finishing. 7th grade regional on 11/20, 8th grade regional week of 11/27. VJHS is also hosting the 7th grade girls sectional on 11/29 at 6:30pm and 8th grade sectional on 12/6 at 6:30pm
- VIP – Will be having a fundraiser at Starmax Movie Theater on 12/15. A percentage of sales from the 4pm and 7pm showing of Ferdinand will go toward student rewards.
- 4/5 Honor Chorus – Saturday, 12/9
- Boys Basketball- Home games: 11/28, 11/30, 12/4, 12/5, 12/9– 7th grade tourney
- Band and Chorus IMEA Qualifiers- will participate in the festival at Charleston on November 18, 2017.
- Band and Chorus: Band Winter concert will be 11/20 for 5/6 at 7pm at VJHS. 7/8 band will be 12/18 w/ High School - 7pm; Chorus Winter concert will be 12/11 at 7pm, at First United Methodist Church of Vandalia

Elementary Board Report

Stacy Mesnard – Principal

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

- During the month of October our students learned about fire prevention. This year for the first time, we rotated into three stations so that students could experience the smoke house, getting close to the fire truck, and participating in the fire prevention assembly. A big shout to Chris Whitten at the VFD for organizing this with us and bringing our local firefighters to teach our students valuable lessons about fire prevention.
- We had a very successful Fall Fun Fest on November 3. The Interact Club students from the high school came and helped us prepare for our day, as well as students from Cheri Lux's classroom. These students' help made a huge positive impact on how well we were able to get things organized for the

event. We also had a lot of PTO moms and dads helping during the day and volunteering to work at the games for the evening.

- The 2nd graders participated in an activity led by Sharon LaDage as part of the Cards for Vets program.
- Our PTO is in the process of purchasing 24 Samsung Galaxy tablets for use in the kindergarten through 3rd grade classrooms. This will allow students to work on tablets individually for remediation, enrichment, Reading Counts, and educational apps.

OKAW Area Vocational Center Board Report
Nick Casey – Director

- FY 18 Grants have both been approved.
- Building Trades students are wiring and getting ready for insulation.
- KC has visited programs for the purposes of evaluation of Dual credit and recruitment.
- Julie Wollerman came and delivered good news to the Okaw staff in regards to renewing their teaching license. (Detailed explanation at the meeting)

“Home of the Vandals”

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.”