

Vandalia Community Unit District #203

1109 N 8th Street

Vandalia, IL 62471

Jennifer Garrison- Superintendent

Superintendent's Report

1/15/19

5:00 PM

District Website

www.vcs.fayette.k12.il.us

Calendar

- **February 4- No School for Parent-Teacher Conferences**
- **February 13- Penny County School Facilities Tax Meeting in VCHS Cafeteria @ 6:00 p.m.**

Superintendent's Report

- The Vandalia ONE Workforce Development Committee held their formal signing on January 10th with more than 25 businesses and organizations committing. We expect our Leadership Community application to be submitted January 21st.
- While second semester just started, we are already planning for the 19-20 school year. Based on our data, we are adding a Title I teacher for math at VCHS next year. This will be 100% paid for with our Title I grant funds. Mr. Holliday is completing the paperwork to make VCHS a Title I approved school.
- We were able to add a Family Liaison to VJHS with School Improvement Grant funds for the remainder of this school year. This position is also 100% grant funded.

Technology Report

- We have recently received all of the Title 1 Grant Chromebooks that we purchased for the Elementary School and we are currently setting them all up for use. These were going into 3 carts so that they can be easily shared between classes at VES.
- E-Rate bidding is still going on for the fiber projects.

Finance Committee

The committee (Campbell, Hall, and Garrison) reviews fund balances and bills. **The Finance Committee will meet on January 15th at 4:30 p.m. to review bills and the financial reports.** The committee meets to review bills, fund balances, state budget shortfall and general financial information.

Policy Committee

The committee (Goldsmith, Lawson, Wasmuth, Garrison, Protz, and 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.

Building and Grounds Committee

The committee (Palmer, Smith, Lawson, Garrison, Casey, Protz, Kern, Bogart, Dave Rickman, Amy Graumenz, Steve Stombaugh, Dugan, and Andy Hipsher) will meet as needed.

Transportation Committee

The committee (Lawson, Campbell, Garrison, Casey, Critcheloe, W. Smith, Mesnard, and Krueger) will meet as needed.

Student Safety Committee

The Committee (Palmer, Goldsmith, Hall, Wasmuth, Jeff Ray, Josh Morrison, Chris Smith, Amy Schaal, Kendra Craig, Zac Stombaugh, Bogart, Critcheloe, Garrison, Casey, Protz, Kern, and Mesnard,) meet as needed.

Athletic Committee

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

School Wellness Committee

The Committee (Wasmuth, Hall, Garrison, Reams, Kelly Curll, Lewis, Krueger, and Mesnard) will meet as needed.

Concussion Committee

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

Student Discipline Committee

The Committee (Palmer, Goldsmith, Wasmuth, Garrison, Protz, Krueger, Kern, Holliday, Mesnard, Emerick, Eckhart, Stewart, Tarkington, Schaal, Lewis, Reeter, and 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

- 1st semester Vandal Pride reward trip will be Friday January 18th, they are going to the Edwardsville YMCA.
- Tuesday February 5th we will have a school wide assembly. Phil Chalmers will be talking to our students, during the 60 minute assembly “True Lies”, topics will include substance abuse, teen violence, bullying, self-abuse, suicide, self-harm, crime prevention, drunk driving, and Internet safety. **Phil Chalmers** is a true crime writer, law enforcement trainer, youth culture specialist and a television personality.
- Vandalia Community High School has been selected by the National Center for Education Statistics to participate in the 2019 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) assessment. NAEP will administer reading, mathematics, and science assessments to 112th grade students. National and state results will be released as the Nation’s Report Card. ISBE will be here February 7th to administer this assessment.

Junior High Board Report

Brian Kern – Principal

Brian Holliday – Asst. Principal

Honor Roll

- The second quarter honor roll (3.0 GPA) for the junior high had the following numbers by grade level: Fourth Grade: 78, Fifth Grade- 100 students, Sixth Grade- 85 students, Seventh Grade- 75 students, Eighth Grade- 96 students, Overall- 434

Activities for the Month

- Dental Safari repairing teeth of students – 1/17
- **Seventh Grade Boys Basketball**- will be finishing up their regular season this week and begin regional tournament play on January 19 in Hillsboro
- **Eighth Grade Boys Basketball**- VJHS will host an eighth grade tournament on January 21, 22, and 24. The eighth grade team will then begin play in the regional tournament on 1/26 or 1/28 in Divernon. VJHS will host the 8th grade sectional on 2/6 at 6:30pm
- **Girls Volleyball**- Home dates for game are as follows: 1/17, 1/31, February 1, 14, 19, 21, 22, 13. VJHS will host an eighth grade volleyball tournament on February 2.
- **Band/Chorus Participants**- are getting ready for solo and ensemble competitions in March.
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences, Monday 2/4**
- **IAR (Illinois Assessment of Readiness) – As of 1/8, no information has been released**

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

- VES had the first PTO meeting of the New Year - many possible fundraisers and extracurricular activities for our students were discussed, including a Family Reading Night, Grandparents Day, a movie night, and the Book Fair. Stay tuned for more information about these events.
- Third grade teachers and students are very excited to receive the Chromebooks – one for each third grade student as part of the district 1:1 initiative. A professional development day has been scheduled for the 3rd grade teachers for Jan. 25 to meet with Julie Lay to learn more about how to use Google Classroom.
- The winter benchmarking for MAPS testing is going on at VES for the next couple of weeks for all students. Third graders did do their MAPS assessment right before Christmas and we were very pleased with the progress of many of them over the fall semester.
- The Pre-K classes are scheduled to tour the OKAW center for their January field trip experience.

OKAW Area Vocational Center Board Report
Nick Casey – Director

- First semester grades for Okaw students have been sent to all schools.
- Building Trades students are finishing drywall and will be painting walls and ceilings shortly.
- Dual Credit enrollment is scheduled for Jan 15.
- We have received 2 CTE payments. \$118,580.

“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.”