

Vandalia Community Unit District #203
1109 N 8th Street
Vandalia, IL 62471
Jennifer Garrison- Superintendent

Superintendent's Report
12/18/18
5:00 PM

District Website

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Calendar

- December 24- January 4- No School- Happy Holidays!
- January 4- Teachers Institute

Superintendent's Report

- On Sunday, December 9th, I had the opportunity to attend a vocational roundtable in Marion with the Governor-Elect and Lieutenant Governor-Elect. This gave us an opportunity to highlight the Okaw Area Vocational Center and the Vandalia ONE Workforce Development Initiative.
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Technology Report

- Chromebook repairs have slowed down recently. Still getting to send 75% of them in for warranty repair with the other 25% being repaired in-house.
- E-Rate is going and we have had vendors responding to our RFP for the fiber to Jefferson. Through the matching grant, we are going to look to upgrade our existing fiber as well between the buildings to get faster speeds in the end between buildings. Since this would end up at no cost to us, we decided to try and do it while we could.
- Three more carts of Chromebooks have recently been ordered for VES through the Title I Grant and are expected here hopefully by the end of the year. Once we get them we will get them enrolled in our Google domain and loaded in the carts and out to the teachers at VES.

Finance Committee

The committee (Campbell, Hall, and Garrison) reviews fund balances and bills. **The Finance Committee will meet on December 18th 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**

1. Semester Exams are this Thursday and Friday.
2. The College visit days were a huge success. Students are already giving Mrs. Kern ideas of what schools they would like to visit next year. Mrs. Kern says that it has been a wonderful experience for our students as it has really opened up their eyes and they have had good questions on each of the visits.
3. Between Student Council, Code Red, and the Girls basketball gate for 1 game we donated \$700 to Taylorville High School's Angle Tree (this is the same as our caring and sharing).
4. FFA news:
 - Ali Willenborg Advanced to District Job Interview.
 - Makayla Blackwell was named in to Top 10 in the Dairy Foods CDE for the second year in a row.
 - The Ag Leadership Class is taking their 6th Grade Ag In The Class students to Daniken Tree Farm for a tour on Thursday
 - Anna DePaolo is competing to receive her State FFA Degree, which is the highest degree a FFA member can achieve at the state level.
 - Dalton Whitten is competing to receive his American FFA Degree, which is the highest degree a FFA member can ever achieve at the national level. Dalton is currently serving at the Section 19 FFA President
5. Holiday Tournament is December 26-29. BOE members reminder to come in the pass gate door located in the southwest corner of the gym. Door #5.

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

- 5th-6th grade Student Council sponsored a school-wide canned food drive from November 26 - December 7 for Fayette County Caring and Sharing. 3220 items were collected
- Coats and Shoes were delivered on December 18th by the Methodist Men.
- Winter MAP testing was completed the first two weeks in December

Activities for the Month-

- 7-12 Band/Choir Concert – 12/17 – 7pm at the High School
- Boys Basketball- Home games are as follows: January 8, 17, 8th grade tournament 1/21, 22, 24. We will host the 8th grade boys' sectional on 2/6 – 6:30pm

- Girls Volleyball- has started practice and will begin playing games January. Home matches: January 17, 31, 8th grade tourney 2/2; 2/14, 2/21, 2/22

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

- VES had their annual Scholastic Bok Fair and fall Family Reading Night – these events were well attended and fun for our students and families.
- SAFE organized and implemented an Internet Safety presentation for all 2nd and 3rd graders at VES in November.
- The three Pre-K classes went to Country Market for their monthly field trip.
- The Vandalia Rotary Club sponsored their annual Christmas Party at Ponderosa for Mrs. Segrest and Mrs. Buscher TLC classes. After the children ate, Santa came to Ponderosa and delivered gifts for all of them.
- Mr. Shreve organized and held a Dodgeball Tourney for 2nd and 3rd graders last week.
- The annual 3rd grade Christmas musical was held last week under the direction of Mrs. Welch, our new elementary music teacher
- Upcoming events at VES include Christmas caroling for the Pre-K classes, Methodist Men Coats and Shoes Distribution, PBIS December reward at the Starmax Theater, and a Christmas Movie Night sponsored by State Farm Insurance that will be held in the VES gym on December 21 at 7:00 for all VES students and their families.

OKAW Area Vocational Center Board Report
Nick Casey – Director

- Building Trades- Main Floor drywall is complete. Insulating attic this week. Will start basement drywall next week.
- KC visited students from Auto Mech, Auto Body, Building Trades, and Computer Tech.
- Tulsa Welding School visited students from the Welding Program.
- Students will be taking Exams starting Dec 17.

“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.”