

Vandalia Community District #203
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Vandalia, IL 62471
Rich Well – Supt.

Superintendent's Report
10/20/15
5:00 PM

District Website

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

Calendar

- October 29th – One hour early dismissal – Parent Teacher Conferences VES from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM
- October 30th – No student school – Parent Teacher Conferences VES from 8:30 to Noon
- November 11th – No student school Veterans Day Holiday

Technology Report

- We are almost finished with enrolling and updating the Chromebook's we received for the 1:1 Program.
- Work continues on updating all district computers to Windows 7 and Microsoft Office 2013.
- Enrollment of all students into the IWAS system for the ISBE has been completed. Almost all of the other data that ISBE requires has also been uploaded into IWAS.
- Work has begun on the "last mile" fiber project that will enable us to connect to Illinois Century Network for our internet access.

Finance Committee

The committee (Hall, Campbell, Meseke, and Well) reviews fund balances and bills. The Finance Committee met on October 20, 2015. The committee meets to review bills, fund balances, state budget shortfall and general financial information.

Policy Committee

The committee (Goldsmith, Lawson, 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) and makes recommendations to the BOE for adoption. The committee met on October 2nd and reviewed the 2nd reading of IASB policy recommendations.

Building and Grounds Committee

The committee (Palmer, Smith, Well, Kopp, Dave Rickman, Steve Stombaugh, Kern, Dugan, Hobbie, Pepler, Bogart) will meet in December.

Transportation Committee

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

Student Safety Committee

The Committee (Palmer, Goldsmith, Wasmuth, Jeff Ray, Josh Morrison, Chris Smith, Amy Schaal, Kendra Craig, Steve Stombaugh, Kopp, Critcheloe, Well, Protz, Kern, Mesnard, Casey) will meet in October.

Personnel Committee Meetings

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

Athletic Committee Meetings

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

School Wellness Committee Meetings

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

Grants

We are receiving a grant to purchase 90 additional Chromebook's and carts for the district. The grant will pay 100% of the approximate \$30,000 cost.

Professional Development

On Friday October 9th teachers from Vandalia, Pana and Brownstown had the pleasure to listen to Jim Littlejohn (Ruby Payne & Associates - Speaker) discuss life issues and educational issues of children living in poverty. The demographics of our district have changed drastically during the past 25 years (as well as most rural school districts) and we need to be prepared to meet the students of all of our students. We will continue to discuss these issues and solutions as we move forward educationally in our district. Having already started and with other days provided during the school year, Pippens & Pippens Math Consultants and Gretchen Courtney Literacy Consultants have been working with our district staff on alignment between grade levels, alignment between subject levels to improve student learning and align better to the Illinois State Standards/Common Core Standards.

Building Reports

High School Board Report

Randy Protz- Principal

Greta Krueger – Asst. Principal

- We offered the PSAT and had 20 juniors participate in the PSAT test. We took them to the First United Methodist Church for testing. If a student scores high enough they would qualify for National Merit Scholar.
- Fayette County States Attorney – Josh Morrison – is coming to the high school Thursday October 22nd to talk to all of our students during their PE class about Sexting, possessing inappropriate photos, etc... and the law.
- Picture retake day is Thursday October 29th.
- VCHS talent show is Friday November 6th, at 7pm, in the gym.
- Red/White night for boys and girls basketball is Friday November 14th at 5pm.
- Congratulations to the Marching Vandals for receiving first place in the Drum Major's Category and 2nd place over all in their class this weekend at SIUC's Music & Motion Marching competition this weekend.

Junior High Board Report

Brian Kern – Principal

Brian Holliday – Asst. Principal

- Red Ribbon Week will be the week of October 26th. There are daily activities at lunch that support the “I am Drug Free” message.
 - First Quarter will end on October 16th. Grade cards will be sent home on Wednesday October 21st.
 - Picture re-takes and Fall athletic pictures will be 10/29.
 - VJHS has approximately 80 student participating in after school tutoring
- Activities for the Month
- Girls Basketball has home games on October 20, 27 and November 3, 10, 19.
 - Boys Basketball is just beginning their season and will start with games the first week of November. The seventh grade will play in a Tournament in Pana. The boys have home games on November 12th, Dec. 1, 3, 8, 12.
 - The junior high band will march in the Vandalia Halloween Parade on the 29th. Some individual members of the band and chorus have participated in IMEA contests on October 12th. The winners (Hayden Hall and Bailey Stewart on the clarinet and Cassidy Anderson, Cheyenne Hollowell, Aurora Richardson, and Mistie Stilt in Chorus.) will participate at the honors festival at EIU in Charleston on November 21st.
 - 6th grade reward will be 10/29. Student will be going to stations provided by Cedarhurst performing various activities.

Elementary Board Report

Stacy Mesnard – Principal

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

- Along with all of the usual academic subjects, VES students have been very busy during October with SAFE presentations, the Fire Prevention Assembly, a Wildlife Assembly, and the Ag in the Classroom program.
- VES students are enjoying Mrs. Donaldson's technology class. The younger ones are learning how to turn the computers on and off, manipulate a mouse, exit screens, etc., while the older students are beginning to work on typing skills, instructional games, and creating documents. This class was a great addition to the curriculum offered at VES.
- The PTO group sponsored a photography fundraiser for VES families. Amy Jackson was the photographer for this event and a percentage of the proceeds are going toward the PROJECT PLAYGROUND fund.
- Upcoming events at VES include the 2nd grade musical, the 50th Day Celebration for 1st graders, and parent teacher conferences at the end of October.

OKAW Area Vocational Center Board Report

Nick Casey – Director

- Skills USA will be meeting with our programs for a possible competition for our students.
- We are looking into a possible CTE testing program for all our programs.
- Building Trades house is enclosed and will be doing other projects until weather turns.

“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.”