

Vandalia Community District #203
1109 N 8th Street
Vandalia, IL 62471
Rich Well – Supt.

Superintendent's Report
2/16/16
5:00 PM

District Website

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

Calendar

- March 4th – School Improvement – Half Day School attendance for students
- March 24th to March 28th – Easter Break

Technology Report

Finance Committee

The committee (Hall, Campbell, Meseke, and Well) reviews fund balances and bills. The Finance Committee met on February 16, 2016. 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.

Building and Grounds Committee

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

Transportation Committee

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

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 April.

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.

School Funding Support

<http://action.stand.org/page/s/fix-IL-funding>

Stand For Children – Illinois

Fix Illinois School Funding!

Tell your legislators and the Governor: Fix Illinois School Funding NOW!

Enough is enough! Our kids can't wait any longer for fair school funding.

Illinois is dead last in school funding equity – only in Illinois do low-income students get 20% less funding than their non-low-income peers. By signing this petition, we are urging our elected officials in Springfield to put kids before egos and partisanship. Fix the funding formula NOW!

Building Reports
High School Board Report
Randy Protz- Principal
Greta Krueger – Asst. Principal

- High School Band concert will be Thursday February 18th in the gym. Admission is free.
- Senior night boys Basketball is Friday February 19th.
- Progress reports are due Friday February 26th.
- School play is Friday and Saturday March 18 and 19.
- NHS Induction Ceremony is Thursday March 17th, 7:00pm in the gym.
- Hanna Blythe finished 2nd in the Physics at the WISE competition.

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

- Career Conference for 8th grade – KC in Centralia, March 11
- Careers Day- Friday, March 4, the 8th graders participated in a “job shadow” activity.
- PARCC testing will be April 11 through May 13. Our specific testing dates will be April 11-26
- 7th Grade Boys’ Basketball – Regional and Sectional champions. The Vandals placed 4th at the IESA State Tourney.
- Track practice will begin 3/7 for 6, 7, and 8th grade boys and girls
Activities for the Month
- Girls Volleyball- Home matches: 2/16. 7th grade will begin Regional play the week of 2/29, 3/1, and 3/3 and 8th grade the week of 3/8, 3/9, 3/10. We are hosting both regional tournaments.
- Spring Pictures – 2/22
- 10th Hour – 2/26 from 2:15-3:17pm
- Band and Chorus is getting ready for the IESA Solo and Ensemble contests. These are individual entries which will compete March 19
- 4th grade music program – Tuesday, 3/15

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

- VES and Fayette County Pre-K hosted a Pre-K Family Night in January. Many families attended with their children for a story, a craft, and a snack all centered on a Penguin theme.
- The January PBIS reward was a marshmallow fight for the younger students, dodgeball at the YMCA for the 2nd graders, and a showing of the movie “Happy Feet” for the 3rd graders. The upcoming February reward will be Iditarod races.
- We recently celebrated the 100th day of school at VES with students and staff dressing up to look 100 years old!
- PTO recently sponsored a Trivia Night. We had approximately 100 adult participants and numerous donations from community businesses for our silent auction. The HS Interact Club and Mrs. Meseke provided child care, and Mr. Sanders and a couple of his students were the scorers.

- We had our annual McTeacher Night at McDonald's on February 9. Tons of VES families came to McDonald's for dinner that night to support our school.
- VES PTO presented a dog sled assembly last week in preparation for learning about the Iditarod. Students listened to a presenter describe how to care for and prepare the dogs for a race. Students had the opportunity to see two sled dogs and watch a simulated sled dog race.

OKAW Area Vocational Center Board Report
Nick Casey – Director

- VCUSD #203 and Okaw Administration gave a tour of OKAW to Carlinville and a representative from SWIC.
- Building Trades is in the painting and trim stage.
- Most all of the sophomore tours are complete. We will begin scheduling soon.
- The welding class will be touring SWIC's Vocational programs on February 23rd.
- Instructors are giving industry tests online to our students. We are going to use the results to modify curriculum as well as track student growth.

“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.”