

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

Superintendent's Report
9/15/15
5:00 PM

District Website

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

Calendar

- October 2nd – 11:15 student dismissal – VCHS/VJHS/Okaw Parent Teacher Conferences
- October 9th – No student school - Teachers Institute
- October 12th – No student school – Columbus Day
- October 30th – No student school – VES Teacher Conferences

Technology Report

Finance Committee

The committee (Hall, Campbell, Meseke, and Well) reviews fund balances and bills. The Finance Committee met on August 18, 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 will meet October to review the 2nd reading of IASB policy recommendations.

Building and Grounds Committee

The committee (Palmer, Smith, Well, Kopp, Dave Rickman, Steve Stombaugh, Kern, Dugan, Hobbie, Peppler, Bogart) met on September 14th at 6:00 PM. The committee discussed adding double light switches to VJHS new rooms, adding speed bumps to VCHS parking lot, adding “no loitering” to VCUSD #203 parking lots, adding hooks for back packs at VJHS, adding security cameras at VJHS. Discussed summer projects (none move related): added window units, roof repairs, prepping roof top AC units, parking lot work at VJHS and VES, protective tank layer (asphalt) for EPA at bus garage. Fall/Winter projects: prepping heating units for building heat, parking lot pot hole repairs, VES bathroom renovation needs. Discussed expectations of cleanliness for the district. VCHS future AC needs were discussed and possible funding for the project.

Transportation Committee

The committee (Palmer, Lawson, Well, Critcheloe, Mesnard, Krueger) met on September 14th at 5:00 PM. Traffic flow for VES/VJHS was discussed and reported that things have progressed well. A parking lot issue for the south lot was discussed as some vehicles are blocking others from leaving after pick up. A reminder that pick-ups for people picking up VJHS students only is easier to access from the north lot and could ease congestion at the south lot. Bus driver safety books are progressing and should be completed by October 1st. Bus safety drills will be completed in September. Discussed the need for bus drivers to substitute for regular bus drivers – if you are interested please contact Mike Critcheloe. Revisited late start, fog delays and snow routes options and it was decided that right now we will not make any changes to what we are currently doing.

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.

Finance

The district deposited \$3.9 million dollars on September 14th. The deposit consisted of our first installment of property taxes and continual GSA by monthly payments.

Building Reports

High School Board Report

Randy Protz- Principal

Greta Krueger – Asst. Principal

- Vandal Pride Assembly will be Tuesday September 22nd.
- 2nd Progress reports will go out Friday September 25th.
- Our student athletes will be going to VES Wednesday September 30th for their annual lunch on the lawn.
- Teachers are already introducing students to Google classroom.
- Volley For The Cure game will be Thursday October 1st vs. Greenville.
- Homecoming is Friday October 9th vs Southwestern and the dance will follow the game.
- Soccer senior night is Thursday October 1st.
- Tennis senior night is Tuesday October 6th.
- Football senior night is Friday October 16th.
- Jostens will be here Thursday October 15th to talk to seniors about cap and gowns.

Junior High Board Report

Brian Kern – Principal

Brian Holliday – Asst. Principal

- Progress Reports were handed out to all students on Wednesday, September 9.
- Girls Basketball has started practicing for this year. We will host the Old Capital Classic seventh and eighth grade girls' basketball tournament. The tournament will take place on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings (9/22, 24, 25). The seventh grade games are played at VES while the eighth grade games are played at the junior high gym.
- In-Service Training – Annette Hartlieb of ROE #3 provided SLO training to junior high teachers on Friday, 9/11 in the afternoon.
- Grant Received – VJHS 8th grade science received a grant from the Ruemmelin Fund to purchase Chromebooks for the classroom. We were able to purchase units.

Activities for the Month

- Girls Basketball has games at home on 9/29, 10/8, 10/13, 10/20 and 10/27.
- Picture Day – Monday, September 14
- Lockdown Drill – 9/15 at 9:41am during a passing period
- 10th hour – Teachers will be offering an activity for students to sign-up for the last hour in the regular school day on Friday, 9/25. We will run our 2:15pm dismissal schedule for classes on this day.
- Tutoring – after school tutoring will begin on Tuesday, 9/29 from 3:30-4:30pm for students in need of extra help.

**Elementary Board Report
Stacy Mesnard – Principal**

Larry Emerick – Asst. Principal/Special Education Director

- The annual VES PTO candy bar fundraiser is going wonderfully. We have already sold 500 boxes of candy bars and we have had lots of parental volunteers helping with this and counting money, etc. This money every year is used to fund field trips, student seasonal activities, and many other events throughout the school year.
- There are plans being put into place for the PROJECT PLAYGROUND fund money to be spent for removal of existing playground structures at JPS so that they can be moved to VES . Much of the money will also be spent for a new surface area and a new large structure to be placed on the VES playground.
- All of the VES teachers are in the process of having their Beginning of the Year Conference with me during the month of September. At this meeting we will set professional growth goals for teachers for the school year.
- Upcoming events and activities at VES include Pippens Math training, SAFE presentations for all grade levels, and a second grade field trip to the St. Louis Zoo.

OKAW Area Vocational Center Board Report

Nick Casey – Director

- We have received final payment on 2014-2015 house. We have started the closing process.
- Trusses are set on 2015-2016 house and will begin sheeting the roof.
- Lincoln Tech spoke to students about post-secondary options.
- Our official Okaw enrollment is 274 students.

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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.”