

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

Superintendent's Report
3/15/16
5:00 PM

District Website

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

Calendar

- March 24th to March 28th – Easter Break
- April 7th @ 6:00 PM – District Retirement and Recognition Dinner
- May 21 @ 7:00 PM – Graduation

Technology Report

- The last mile fiber internet connection to Illinois Century Network was configured on Monday March 7. The service is funded by the E-rate program, and includes 24/7 status monitoring, DDOS protection, and online caching servers to provide faster website access. We currently have 100Mbps download speed and 100Mbps upload speed, and will go to 300 up and 300 down with the next wave of E-rate funding in July.
- The district will change to a new anti-virus solution for next year. Avast Anti-virus has developed a new and free Enterprise Solution for Education which will be implemented as the year progresses. Dropping the Sophos software will save the district \$3400 annually.
- Damages to District Chromebooks has been very low so far: 4 cracked screens, 2 broken charger plugs, 2 with missing keys, 3 with software problems, and 1 that was totaled. The accidental insurance and the Lenovo warranty have covered everything.

Finance Committee

The committee (Hall, Campbell, Meseke, and Well) reviews fund balances and bills. The Finance Committee met on March 15, 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, Peppler, Bogart) met on March 8. The committee discussed the HVAC summer project at VCHS, new maintenance shed, Spring and Summer projects – parking lot work at VES/VJHS, transition from heating to cooling throughout the district, Okaw/pool parking lot situation, tuck pointing at VCHS, VCHS speed bumps and VES restroom renovation for the 3rd grade area.

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) met on March 8. We discussed new information on active shooters and upcoming drills provided by law enforcement, future district staff trainings, distribution and sharing of information between agencies and updated plans for video surveillance at all school buildings in the district.

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.

All About Vandalia Community Unit School District #203

Handouts were provided to the Chamber of Commerce Economic Committee describing the Vandalia School district. Programs of the district, student testimonials and pictures highlight the great things that are offered to our students. The handouts are also available on our school website.

Building Reports

High School Board Report

Randy Protz- Principal

Greta Krueger – Asst. Principal

- School play is Friday and Saturday March 18 and 19. This year it will be at the Baptist Church, 7pm Friday and 2pm on Saturday.
- NHS induction ceremony is Thursday, March 17th, 7pm in the gymnasium.
- Jostens will be here Tuesday, March 29th, to hand out senior trinkets and announcements.
- As of right now the high school is planning on administering the PARCC test the first week of April on student chrome books as long as Pearson fixes all the glitches by then.
- We will be hosting the OKAW/Vandalia Area Chamber of Commerce, Priority Staffing Group, and The Cromwell Media Group job and education fair in the gym on Tuesday, April 19th, 4-6pm.

Junior High Board Report

Brian Kern – Principal

Brian Holliday – Asst. Principal

- Brayden Kaiser- son of John and Tina Kaiser was chosen by the eighth grade teachers to be the recipient of the DAR Good Citizenship award for Vandalia Junior High. Brayden was recognized at an Awards ceremony in Greenville on Saturday March 12th.
- Activities for the Month-
- Girls Volleyball- 7th grade finished 16-5. 8th grade regional week of 3/7, currently 18-3
 - Band and Chorus - will participate in IESA Solo and Ensemble contests. These are individual entries which will compete on March 19 in Effingham
 - Track started their practice on Monday March 7th Their first meet is 4/6 at Effingham
 - 6th Grade – Had Jason Plummer (ran for Lt. Governor) speak about government and election process.
 - PARCC Test- We will begin testing the week of April 11 and go through April 26
 - Guidance Information
 - 8th Grade Scholarship- students will be writing essays for the Vandalia Schools Foundation \$1000.00 scholarship on March 16.

Elementary Board Report

Stacy Mesnard – Principal

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

- We had our Spring Family Reading Night last week in conjunction with the Scholastic Book Fair and our Grandparents Day Event. Approximately 250 students had a grandparent(s) visit them at school for this event. The profit for the Book Fair was close to \$8,000 which is the most we have ever raised for this event. Proceeds from the Book Fair will be used to help fund the playground installation this spring.
- We hosted our first ever Math Night for parents for third graders. They had expressed an interest in learning more about the Common Core Math Standards and our Stepping Stones Math curriculum. The third grade teachers and I provided some examples of math problems and answered parents' questions and addressed concerns.
- Upcoming events at VES include a Pre-K field trip to Champion Trophy, SAFE presentations, and the installation of the new playground!

OKAW Area Vocational Center Board Report

Nick Casey – Director

- Building Trades class is working on the Food Pantry.
- Lincoln Tech will be issuing Scholarships soon to students enrolled in Okaw programs.
- Schools are beginning to register students for next year.
- The Chamber of Commerce / Priority Group / WKRV / VCUSD #203 Job Fair will be April 19 and will be located in the gym at VCHS.

“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.”