

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

Superintendent's Report
11/15/16
5:00 PM

District Website

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

Calendar (all school calendar information is available on the school website)

- November 23rd thru November 25th – No School Thanksgiving Holiday
- December 21st & 22nd Exam Days – One hour early dismissal for all schools
- December 24 thru January 3rd – No School Christmas Holiday
- January 3rd – Teachers Institute

Technology Report

- The number of chromebooks needing repair is slowly dropping. This year we have had several cracked screens, broken chargers, missing keys, malfunctioning keyboards and Operating System errors.
- The replacement of the wireless network at the Junior High should begin soon. Heart Technologies was awarded the bid for this e-rate project.

Finance Committee

The committee (Campbell, Meseke, and Well) reviews fund balances and bills. The Finance Committee met on November 15, 2016. The committee meets to review bills, fund balances, state budget shortfall and general financial information.

Policy Committee

The committee (Goldsmith, Lawson, Hall, 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 in December.

Building and Grounds Committee

The committee (Palmer, Smith, Lawson, Well, Kopp, Dave Rickman, Steve Stombaugh, Kern, Dugan, Hobbie, Graumenz, Bogart, Andy Hipsher) will meet again in December.

Transportation Committee

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

Student Safety Committee

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

Personnel Committee Meetings

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

Athletic Committee Meetings

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

School Wellness Committee Meetings

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

Concussion Committee Meetings

The Committee (Smith, Palmer, Hall, Well, Casey, Kern, Protz, Whitten) meets each year to review board policy, return to play policy and general protocol for concussion responsibilities.

Student Discipline Committee Meetings

The Committee (Palmer, Goldsmith, Wasmuth, Well, Protz, Krueger, Kern, Holliday, Mesnard, Emerick, Eckhart, Stewart, Tarkington, Schaal, Lewis, Reeter, Wollerman) meets each year to review discipline procedure and compliance with the Illinois School code.

School Funding

Last year's FY16 4th Quarter Mandated Categorical payments (Transportation, Special Education, Lunch Program, etc.) have failed to be released by the Comptroller's Office. Last year we received the 4th Quarter payments in July. General State Aid (GSA) is being paid in a timely manner.

Building Reports

High School Board Report

Randy Protz- Principal

Greta Krueger – Asst. Principal

- Report cards were emailed for the first time.
- High School Chorus concert is set for 7pm on December 13th. At this time Mr. Fulton is trying to work with the Old Capitol Foundation to have it at the old state capital. If not he will be looking for another venue that will work, maybe the Baptist Church down town or the Methodist church.
- English Department meet for ½ day and worked on English Curriculum and the SAT writing standards to better prepare our students for the SAT.
- 1st semester exams are December 21 and 22.
- Dalton Whitten was selected as one of the top 20 Juniors of FFA this year for Illinois and will represent Illinois FFA next summer at the Washington D.C. Leadership Conference
- VCHS Interact students helped the Friends & Family of the Fayette County Hospital's at the annual 5K event.
- Several Interact students assisted VES 3rd graders with their annual Fire Safety activities.
- On November 1st and 2nd, Interact students helped decorate the Old State Capitol for Christmas. During the first week of November they also collected in excess of 300 items for the 6:35 Food Pantry's Birthday Cake Project.
- The Interact group escorted Santa and Mrs. Claus into Vandalia at the Rotary's annual Christmas Parade on November 11th.

Junior High Board Report

Brian Kern – Principal

Brian Holliday – Asst. Principal

- First Quarter Honor Roll- we had 451 students achieve a 3.00 grade point average or above. The breakdown by grade level was 88 students in 4th grade, 85 students in fifth grade, 95 students in sixth grade, 90 students in seventh grade, and 93 students in eighth grade.

Activities for the Month

- 10th Hour: 11/18 – 2nd one for the year.
- Girls Basketball is finishing. Last home game is Monday, 11/14. 7th grade regional begins Saturday, 11/19 at Greenville. We will host the 8th grade regional tournament. Dates are 11/29, 12/1, and 12/2. VJHS is also hosting the 7th grade girls sectional on 11/30 at 6:30pm
- Boys Basketball- Home games: 11/15, 11/22, 11/28, 12/6, 12/10– 7th grade tourney, 12/12, 12/13, 12/15
- Band and Chorus IMEA Qualifiers- will participate in the festival at Charleston on November 19, 2016.
- Band and Chorus: Band Winter concert will be 12/8 at 7pm at VJHS. Chorus Winter concert will be 12/13 at 7pm, location TBA

Elementary Board Report

Stacy Mesnard – Principal

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

- First graders celebrated the 50th day of school on November 1. They played with jacks, hula hoops, Lincoln Logs, Dominos, sipped on ice cream floats, danced, and dressed up in white t-shirts, jeans, glasses, and poodles skirts. Many parents came to help us with these activities. It was a great day!
- The second graders had their annual fall musical this month and the school wide Fall Fun Fest was enjoyed by many of our students and their families. VES raised almost \$3,000 this evening in the following ways:cotton candy – popcorn / Boy Scouts – table cleaning / photo booth – Ashley Henna Photography / face painting – Mr. Dierkes' HS Art students / inflatable bounce house and slide / games / cake walk / Chrysler Drive 4 Kids / chili and hot dog meal / donated desserts by parents.
- Upcoming events include Family Reading Night and the Scholastic Book Fair.

**OKAW Area Vocational Center Board Report
Nick Casey – Director**

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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.”