

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

Superintendent's Report

9/20/16

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)

- September 23rd – Homecoming Parade 2:30 – Football Game 6:30 – Dance immediately following game
- October 7th – No Student School / ROE Institute @ Pana
- October 10th – No School Columbus Day
- October 27th – Early Dismissal VES Parent Teacher Conferences
- October 28th – No Student School / VES Parent Teacher Conferences

Technology Report

Finance Committee

The committee (Campbell, Meseke, and Well) reviews fund balances and bills. The Finance Committee met on August 16, 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 on September 21st.

Building and Grounds Committee

The committee (Palmer, Smith, Lawson, Well, Kopp, Dave Rickman, Steve Stombaugh, Kern, Dugan, Hobbie, Graumenz, Bogart, Andy Hipsher) met on September 14th. Discussion items included; completed summer projects – HVAC @ VCHS, asphalt seal application @ VES and VJHS circle drives, replace phone system @ VCUSD #203, install fences around AC units @ VCHS and VJHS / future project work list – exterior work on landing and brick work @ VCHS, new bleacher seats @ VJHS, renovation of restrooms for 2nd and 3rd Grade @ VES (completion goal Christmas this year), parking lot speed bumps @ VCHS (completion goal Christmas this year), electrical panel upgrade @ VCHS. VES northwest classrooms have been cleaned and wiped down and approved. Discussion of AC levels during summer months for the future of the district, need for cover of Okaw Paint Booth ventilation system.

Transportation Committee

The committee (Palmer, Lawson, Well, Critcheloe, Mesnard, Krueger) met on September 14th. Discussion items included; we still have a need for sub bus drivers but we are in a better spot with this issue than we were last year, our fleet is in the best condition we have been in for the past 20 years, the individual bus books will be completed by early October, bus safety drills w/students will be completed by the end of September, the VES office staff played a major part of the improvement in timeliness of bus departures during the start of this school year.

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 during the fall of the 2016-2017 school year. The committee will meet on September 21st.

Personnel Committee Meetings

The Committee (Goldsmith, Wasmuth, Well) will meet on September 22nd.

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.

Building Reports

High School Board Report

Randy Protz- Principal

Greta Krueger – Asst. Principal

- Homecoming football game will start at 6:30pm with dance immediately following the game.
- Progress Reports will go out Monday October 3rd.
- See you at the Pole will be Wednesday September 28th at 7:45am.
- Our Fall athletes will participate in Lunch on the Lawn with VES students Friday September 30th.
- Volley for the Cure game this year is at Greenville, Thursday September 29th.
- The high school will be hosting a Financial Aid for college presentation by Kaskaskia College Tuesday, October 11th @ 5:30pm.
- Jostens will be here Thursday October 13th to talk to Seniors about Caps and Gowns.
- FFA has been working with the 6th grade teachers to implement agriculture curriculum in their instruction. The Ag Leadership class will go the second Wednesday of each month during Enrichment to teach a lesson to all 115 students in the 6th grade.
- FFA has been with the 8th grade Literature classes also.
- Maddie Wilkerson was elected as the Section 19 FFA Treasurer. She will be attending District IV STAR Conference (Leadership Conference) and will be visiting other FFA Chapters in Section 19 promoting FFA.

Junior High Board Report

Brian Kern – Principal

Brian Holliday – Asst. Principal

- Progress Reports were handed out to all students on Wednesday, September 14.
- 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 (9/20, 22, 24). The seventh grade games are played at VES while the eighth grade games are played at the junior high gym.
- 10th hour – Teachers offered an activity for students to sign-up for the last hour in the regular school day on Friday, 9/9. Everyone involved enjoyed the activities.
- MAP Testing – began 9/13. This assessment will be used to progress monitor students learning and prepare for PARCC testing.

Activities for the Month-

- Girls Basketball has games at home on 10/4, 10/13, 10/14, 10/17, 10/20, and 10/24.
- See You at the Pole will be 9/28 at 7:45am on the playground
- Tutoring – after school tutoring will begin on Tuesday, 10/11 from 3:30-4:30pm for students in need of extra help.
- Chase Laack, 7th grade student qualified for the state golf tournament by placing 5th at the sectional. Chase will compete on 9/24 at Kellogg Golf Course in Peoria.

Elementary Board Report

Stacy Mesnard – Principal

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

- The annual PTO candy bar sale is underway. Many students have sold 12 twelve boxes which earns them a trip to Ponderosa with the principal! Many children have sold 5, 7, 10, etc. boxes.
- PBIS Beginning of the Year Celebrations included inflatable bounce houses and trips to the Vandalia Public Pool.
- Pre-K held their first Family Day on Friday, Sept. 16. Parents, teachers, and students shared a story, a scarecrow craft, cookies, and apple cider together.

- Up[coming events include a Red Cross Blood Drive on September 27, a wildlife assembly on September 30, and Lunch on the Lawn with HS athletes for a September reward.

OKAW Area Vocational Center Board Report
Nick Casey – Director

- Okaw enrollment is 264.
- Students are setting roof trusses on the Building Trades house.
- Lincoln Tech has visited our students.
- University of Northwestern Ohio will be visiting Sept 19th.
- We are looking at adding electrical service to welding lab to accommodate the number of students in the program.
- Lake Land donated several welders and they will be used to replace the welders in the Ag shop.

“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.”