

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

Superintendent's Report
5/16/17
5:00 PM

District Website

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

Calendar

- May 17th – Baccalaureate @ 7:00 PM
- May 18th – Semester Exams Early Dismissal 1 Hour Early
- May 19th – Semester Exams Early Dismissal 1 Hour Early – Last Student Day
- May 20th – Graduation @ 7:00 PM
- May 22nd – Teachers Institute
- August 2nd – Student Registration 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- August 16th – Teachers Institute
- August 17th – First Day of School for Students

Technology Report

- Starting to get the summer list of items lined out.
- The new light speed server has arrived and will be installed soon after school is out. This will allow us to use our full potential of internet service that we are getting. At the same time, there is plan to update the firewall that services the district as well.
- Heart Technology's is planning on coming in soon after school is let out and starting on the E-rate wiring project that had to get put off last summer due to the High School remodeling. During that time, they will also be installing some wiring racks in the upstairs computer lab and Mid-state room in the unit office to help to secure the locations where our network switches are located. During their rewiring, we will be upgrading the wireless system in the high school building to be able to handle more clients and more bandwidth for years to come.

Finance Committee

The committee (Campbell, Hall, Meseke, and Well) reviews fund balances and bills. The Finance Committee will meet next on June 20th. 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 May 5th and May 10th to review all recommendations.

Building and Grounds Committee

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

Transportation Committee

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

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 July.

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 in August.

School Wellness Committee Meetings

The Committee (Wasmuth, Hall, Well, Lotz, Kelly Curll, 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

- Baccalaureate is Wednesday May 17th, 7pm in the gym.
- Final exams are Thursday and Friday May 18 and 19.
- Graduation is Saturday May 20th, 7pm in the gym.
- Summer camps and shootouts will be beginning the week of May 22.
- Congratulations to Nicholas Wollerman and Dalton Whitten for their outstanding performance at District IV Job Interview. Dalton Whitten finished 6th place overall and Nicholas Wollerman finished 1st place overall and will advance to State in June.
- The Junior class won the Vandal Pride class competition this year. They will be having a victory breakfast Wednesday May 17th.
- IHSA Baseball Sectionals will be hosted here May 24 and May 27.

Junior High Board Report

Brian Kern – Principal

Brian Holliday – Asst. Principal

- Awards Day will be May 19 with the 6th/7th/8th grade awards beginning at 8:30 and the 4th/5th grade awards beginning at 9:45 am.

Activities and Events for the End of School

- Track- Sectional meet 5/13 in Tuscola
- Sixth Grade- participated in Vandalia Lake day on May 9. There were outdoor lessons that the students participated in, sponsored by the Fayette County Water and Soil Department.
- Fifth Grade – went to Altitude on Friday, 5/12
- Fourth Grade – going St. Louis City Museum on 5/16
- Eighth Grade- visiting high school and Okaw on 5/15
- Graduating Seniors – will be visiting after graduation practice on 5/17
- PARCC Reward – All students going to Starmax for movie/popcorn/soda on 5/18
- PBIS Celebration – 5/19 – Concessions

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

- The past few weeks have been full of field trips. Pre-K went to the St. Louis Zoo, 1st grade to the Magic House, Kindergarten to the zoo in Decatur, and 3rd grade to the Taylorville Recreation Center.
- Each of the grade levels at VES have had a picnic at the Rogier Park and made a trip to Dairy Queen in May.
- Mrs. Buscher’s special education class participated in the annual Special Olympics at Greenville College on April 28.
- Kindergarten and 1st grade had their annual theme musical and Open House in late April. The theme this year was Oceans.
- Mrs. Warren organized an end of the year cake reception for the Partners in Reading program at VES last week. Many of the adult volunteers attended to have a treat with their student “reader”.
- VES held their annual Family Dance last Friday, May 12 complete with refreshments and a DJ for the music and dancing. This is a free event that we offer to all of our students and their families each May.

OKAW Area Vocational Center Board Report
Nick Casey – Director

- Building Trades is having Open House Friday May 12 from 4-8
- Seniors are taking final exams.
- Wrapping up the year and scheduling for next year. We have 140 students for the AM session scheduled for 17-18.

“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.”