

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

Superintendent's Report

2/21/17

5:00 PM

District Website

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

Calendar

- March 3rd – Half Day School for Students / Half Day Staff Professional Development
- March 24th – Half Day School for Students / Half Day Staff Professional Development

Technology Report

- An update and refresh of the District network switches will be done on Monday the 20th. This is funded in most part by the E-rate program.
- We are looking into a few projects for this year's E-rate grant program. Replacing the outdated wireless network at VES is first, followed by an updated firewall and battery backups for the district. This is year 3 of the 5 year program for E-rate, and many think it will be much harder to get funded from now on compared to the first two years.
- We have been working on getting all of the State Reporting to match with Teacherease.
- We are looking at battery backups across the whole district in locations where our network distribution switches are located.

Finance Committee

The committee (Campbell, Hall, Meseke, and Well) reviews fund balances and bills. The Finance Committee met on February 21, 2017. 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.

Building and Grounds Committee

The committee (Palmer, Smith, Lawson, Well, Kopp, Dave Rickman, Steve Stombaugh, Kern, Dugan, Hobbie, Graumenz, Bogart, Andy Hipsher) met on January 30th. The committee viewed exterior brick issues at VCHS, updated on VES restroom renovations, discussed current VCHS electrical panel upgrades, tennis court lighting and tennis court life expectancy, VES and VJHS parking lot lighting issues, emergency vehicle issues when vehicles are parked at the main gym entrance during events at VCHS and possible restroom updating at VCHS. Mark Ritter and Mike Kopp will work on plans for lighting in parking lots and rest rooms at VCHS and will share their plan in the near future.

Transportation Committee

The committee (Palmer, Lawson, Well, Critchelo, Mesnard, Krueger) met on January 30th. The committee discussed total bus regular bus routes (12), state of bus fleet, van fleet and caravan fleet and needs for 2017-18, video cameras in buses and possibility of adding GPS type equipment and WIFI.

Student Safety Committee

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

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 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.

Board Retreat

We will be meeting Wednesday, January 25th at 7:00 PM for our Winter Board Retreat. The retreat topics 1) Review of new grading system, 2) discussion of “weighted grades”, 3) discussed exterior issues at VCHS with Mark Ritter and solutions 4) discussed future plans for vacant positions in the district. No official action was taken that evening.

Building Reports

High School Board Report

Randy Protz- Principal

Greta Krueger – Asst. Principal

- FFA week is this week. Wednesday is teacher breakfast day, and Friday there will be an assembly for kiss the lamb, and FFA officer pie in the face.
- 3rd quarter ends Friday March 10th.
- School play is Friday and Saturday March 17 and 18.
- NHS Induction ceremony is Thursday March 23rd, 7pm in the high school gym.

Junior High Board Report

Brian Kern – Principal

Brian Holliday – Asst. Principal

- St. Louis Cardinals – Fredbird and former Cardinals pitcher Brad Thompson presented a “Doin It Right” program to our 4, 5, and 6th graders on 2/15. The students had a great time with Fredbird and received a very good message.
 - Stang Arts – Offering an after school art class to 3, 4, and 5th graders. Part of the proceeds comes back to the school.
 - Career Conference for 8th grade – KC in Centralia, March 8
 - Careers Day- Friday, March 3, the 8th graders participated in a “job shadow” activity.
 - PARCC testing will be March 13 through April 4.
 - 8th Grade Boys’ Basketball – State Qualifier
 - Track practice will begin 3/13 for 6, 7, an 8th grade boys and girls.
- Activities for the Month
- Girls Volleyball- Home matches: 2/21, 23, 24. 7th grade will begin Regional play beginning 2/25 and 8th grade the week of 3/6. We are hosting the 7th grade sectional on Monday, 3/6 at 6:30pm.
 - Spring Pictures – 2/22
 - NAEP Testing – Selected 8th graders – 2/24
 - Band and Chorus is getting ready for the IESA Solo and Ensemble contests. These are individual entries which will compete March 18

Elementary Board Report

Stacy Mesnard – Principal

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

- Pre-K is planning a field trip to Champion Trophy and T’s for Feb. 24th.
- Our upcoming monthly PBIS school wide reward for February is the Iditarod Race.
- McTeacher Night is scheduled for February 28 from 4:00-8: 00.
- VES PTO Trivia Night is scheduled for March 3 at 6:30. Teams can be made of 8-10 people for \$100 per team. Child care will be provided by the Interact Club and there will be a taco bar available.
- Spring Family Reading Night is on March 7 followed by the Grandparents Breakfast and Book Fair activity during the school day on March 8.

OKAW Area Vocational Center Board Report
Nick Casey – Director

- Several programs are working together to produce vinyl and metal products. CAD, Graphic Design, Welding, and Auto Body all work together to produce some state of the art projects.
- Building Trades students have been working on smaller projects around the community.
- 2017-2018 registration is at the beginning stage.

“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.”