

Vandalia Community District #203
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Superintendent's Report
5/15/2018
5:00 PM

District Website www.vandals203.org

Calendar

- May 16th – Baccalaureate at 7:00 p.m.
- May 19th – VCHS Graduation at 7:00 p.m.
- May 21st- Last day of school for students
- May 22nd- Teachers' Institute

Superintendent Updates:

- The bathroom renovations are almost complete and on schedule to be finished by Graduation.
- On May 4th, we had a community collaboration meeting. Our three short-term objectives are: 1) Alignment of food pantries for our community; 2) Integrating mental health professionals into our schools collaborating with CRC; 3) Enhancing the after school program at VJHS collaborating with the YMCA.
- We are actively searching for a name for our collaborative efforts with the community by June 14th. Please send any ideas to me. We are using #VandalPride on social media.

Technology Report

- The new computers for the High School Computer Labs have arrived and are being prepped for installation to the classrooms this summer.
- Our 2018/2019 Category 2 E-Rate has been approved with which we have put in for a new firewall to update the aged one that we have here. This will in the end only cost us 20% of the total that it would with the other 80% being covered by the E-Rate Program. Total cost to the district should be around \$2,400 for the upgrade and Heart Technologies will do the work.
- Upgrades to the Lightspeed filter are planned for this summer. This will allow for easier tracking and logging of students while they are on the internet here at school and possibly at home if that change would ever want to be made to filter the students while they are at home.

Finance Committee

The committee (Campbell, Hall, Meseke, Garrison, and Casey) reviews fund balances and bills. The Finance Committee met on April 17th, 2018. The committee meets to review bills, fund balances, state budget shortfall and general financial information.

Policy Committee

The committee (Goldsmith, Lawson, Hall, Casey, Garrison 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. **Press Plus has moved to online and I finally have access. I am reviewing our updates and will schedule a Policy Committee meeting soon.**

Building and Grounds Committee

The committee (Palmer, Smith, Lawson, Casey, Garrison, Kopp, Dave Rickman, Steve Stombaugh, Kern, Dugan, Hobbie, Graumenz, Bogart, Andy Hipsher)

Transportation Committee

The committee (Palmer, Lawson, Casey, Garrison, Critcheloe, Mesnard, Krueger)

Student Safety Committee

The Committee (Palmer, Goldsmith, Hall, Jeff Ray, Josh Morrison, Chris Smith, Amy Schaal, Kendra Craig, Steve Stombaugh, Kopp, Critcheloe, Casey, Garrison, Protz, Kern, Mesnard.

Personnel Committee Meetings

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

Athletic Committee Meetings

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

School Wellness Committee Meetings

The Committee (Wasmuth, Hall, Casey, Lotz, Kelly Curll, Stombaugh, Krueger, Mesnard, Garrison) will meet as needed.

Concussion Committee Meetings

The Committee (Smith, Palmer, Hall, Casey, Garrison, 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, Casey, Garrison, 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

1. Baccalaureate is Wednesday May 16, 7pm in the gym.
2. Graduation is Saturday May 19, 7pm in the gym.
3. Finals are Friday May 18 and Monday May 21.
4. IHSA Class 2A Regional Semi-Finals are right now 4:30pm and 6:30pm. Championship game is Saturday 11am.
5. IHSA Class 2A Regional Semi-Finals are tomorrow 4:30pm and 6:30pm. Championship game is Saturday noon.
6. Teacher last day is May 22.
7. Little kids Volleyball camp is May 22-24
8. VCHS Basketball Shoot-outs are June 4, 5, 14,15, and 18,19.

Junior High Board Report

Brian Kern – Principal

Brian Holliday – Asst. Principal

Awards Day will be May 21 with the 6/7/8th grade awards beginning at 8:30 and the 4/5th grade awards beginning at 9:45 am.

Assembly for 6/7/8 grade May 9 – Speaker presented on social media, consequences and safety.

Activities and Events for the End of School-

- **Track-** Sectional meet 5/12 in Hillsboro
- **Sixth Grade-** participated in Vandalia Lake day on May 8. 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, 5/11
- **Fourth Grade** – going St. Louis City Museum on 5/14
- **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** – 5/21 – Concessions

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

- All of the grade levels have taken their yearly field trips recently – students have been to the zoo, the Magic House, the Starmax Theater, and the YMCA in Taylorville for swimming. All of these field trips were funded through the PTO.
- The 3rd graders participated in the program Cards 4 Vets – they all made a card to send to a service person in our military.
- Nurse Sandy spent a long day preregistering Vandalia students for kindergarten in the fall. She registered 49 students, which is very helpful for planning purposes this summer.
- The annual Family Dance is Friday, May 11 from 7:00-9:00 at VES. All students and their families are invited to attend.

OKAW Area Vocational Center Board Report
Nick Casey – Director

- Several seniors from other schools have taken their exams and have completed the year
- 18-19 Grant allotments have yet to be released.
- We have received \$ 386,841 of the \$ 663,162 for the CTE grant
- Building Trades house is done for this year. Scott is working on the plans for next year.

“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.”