

**Vandalia Community District #203**  
**1109 N 8<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Vandalia, IL 62471**  
*Nick Casey – Supt.*

***Superintendent's Report***  
***12/19/2017***

**District Website**

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

**Calendar**

- December 26<sup>th</sup> thru January 3<sup>rd</sup> – Christmas Break No School for Students
- VHT- December 26-29
- January 3<sup>rd</sup> – Teacher Professional Development Day for Teaching staff
- January 15<sup>th</sup> – No School MLK Holiday

**Technology Report**

- Heart Technology will be here over Christmas break to start installing the updated wireless system in VES and in OKAW.
- The number of Chromebook repairs has been growing recently. Guessing this could be due to the age of the devices at this point.
- Everything has been running well.

**Finance Committee**

The committee (Campbell, Hall, Meseke, and Casey) reviews fund balances and bills. The Finance Committee will meet next on December 19, 2017. The committee meets to review bills, fund balances, state budget shortfall and general financial information.

**Policy Committee**

The committee (Goldsmith, Lawson, Hall, 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).

**We will need to meet in January before the next BOE meeting to discuss PRESS Plus issue 96.**

**Building and Grounds Committee**

The committee (Palmer, Smith, Lawson, Casey, Kopp, Dave Rickman, Steve Stombaugh, Kern, Dugan, Graumenz, Andy Hipsher) will next meet in January.

**Transportation Committee**

The committee (Palmer, Lawson, Casey, Critcheloe, Mesnard, Krueger) will next meet in January.

**Student Safety Committee**

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

**Personnel Committee Meetings**

The Committee (Goldsmith, Wasmuth, Casey) 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, Casey, Lotz, Stombaugh, Krueger, Mesnard) will meet as needed.

**Concussion Committee Meetings**

The Committee (Smith, Palmer, Hall, Casey, 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, Casey, Protz, Krueger, Kern, Holliday, Mesnard, Emerick, Eckhart, Stewart, Tarkington, Schaal, Lewis, Reeter, Wilson, Wollerman) will next meet in January.

**Building Reports**  
**High School Board Report**  
**Randy Protz- Principal**  
**Greta Krueger – Asst. Principal**

1. VFW Voice of Democracy Winners, 1<sup>st</sup> place Braydn Kaiser \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Sophie Whitten \$75, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Kristen Sharp \$50.
2. Our Illinois State Scholars for this year are: Sydney Austin, James Bowen, Hope Budny-Clymer, Karsyn Garrison, Olivia Marquardt, Audrey Myers, Nathaniel Weaver, Rachel Zimmerman
3. Vandal Pride students of the month for November were Garrett McNary, Madison Schmitt, Abbi Miles, and Lauren Hagy.
4. Final Exams Thursday December 21 and 22.
5. Holiday Tournament December 26-29, BOE members come through the pass gate for quicker entry to the gym.
6. Math and English classes will be MAP testing when we get back from break.

**Junior High Board Report**  
**Brian Kern – Principal**  
**Brian Holliday – Asst. Principal**

- 5th-8th grade Student Council sponsored a school-wide canned food drive from December 1 -December 9 for Fayette County Caring and Sharing. 3416 items were collected
- Coats and Shoes were delivered on December 19<sup>th</sup> by the Methodist Men.
- VIP sponsored a movie night at Starmax – “Be a Ferdinand not a Bully”. Two bikes were raffled off.

**Activities for the Month-**

- Boys Basketball- Home games are as follows: January 11, 16, 18, 8<sup>th</sup> grade tournament 1/22, 23, 25.
- Girls Volleyball- has started practice and will begin playing games January. Home matches: January 9, 16, Feb. 2, 8<sup>th</sup> grade tourney 2/3; 2/5, 2/6, 2/8, 2/12, 2/13

**Elementary Board Report**  
**Stacy Mesnard – Principal**

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

- Over the past month VES has had their annual McTeacher Night at McDonald’s, Family Reading Night/Scholastic Book Fair, the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Christmas Musical, and a Ronald McDonald Assembly with an anti-bullying theme.
- The Vandalia Police Department and Fayette County Sheriff’s Department both contacted me to recommend students for the Shop with the Cop program. I was able to invite 30 students to participate in this event in the coming days.
- Our PTO recently purchased and distributed 24 Samsung tablets to be used in each of the regular education classrooms. This will be very helpful to teachers for guided reading groups and center activities
- Big shout out to the Methodist Men once again for their annual gifting of coats and shoes to our students!

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

- Dual Credit registration will be January 8 for OKAW students.
- The Comptroller has vouchered all 16-17 CTE Grant money. CTE grant ends Dec 31, 2017.
- Finals for first semester will begin on Monday Dec 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Marine and Army representatives have met with Okaw students recently.
- Buildings Trades students have drywall and the ceiling and will be blowing insulation in (Dec 15) and will have heat in the house on Monday Dec 18. Some walls have been drywalled as well. Progress is on track.

**“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.”***