

Vandalia Community Unit District #203
1109 N 8th Street
Vandalia, IL 62471
Jennifer Garrison- Superintendent

Superintendent's Report
10/16/18
5:00 PM

District Website

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Calendar

- October 25th- Vandalia ONE Workforce Development Meeting at 1:15 p.m. at the KC Vandalia Campus.
- October 25th- Parent/Teacher Conferences after school and Vandalia Halloween Parade.
- October 26th- No School- Parent/Teacher Conferences

Superintendent's Report

- Mr. Emerick and I have been working on the new special education program to be housed at Jefferson next year. We have four districts partnering with us. This will put our special education continuum of services in place based on best practice.
- The Vandalia ONE stakeholder team met on October 2nd. We discussed our measureable objectives for the short-term goals. I am happy to report we exceeded our original targets.

Technology Report

- Updates to all the network switches have been performed recently to help the performance and security of the network.
- Chromebook repairs are slowing down a bit from the start of the year.
- Starting to do research for the Erate School Year 2020 on network upgrades and expansions.

Finance Committee

The committee (Campbell, Hall, and Garrison) reviews fund balances and bills. **The Finance Committee will meet on October 16th at 4:30 p.m. to review bills and the financial reports.** The committee meets to review bills, fund balances, state budget shortfall and general financial information.

Policy Committee

The committee (Goldsmith, Lawson, Wasmuth, Garrison, Protz, and 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 Policy Committee will meet on November 8th at 5:00 p.m.**

Building and Grounds Committee

The committee (Palmer, Smith, Lawson, Garrison, Casey, Protz, Kern, Bogart, Dave Rickman, Steve Stombaugh, Dugan, and Andy Hipsher) **met on October 10th at 5:00 p.m.** We discussed the moisture issue at VES; the upkeep of the tennis courts; and the long-term capital projects plan.

Transportation Committee

The committee (Lawson, Campbell, Garrison, Casey, Critcheloe, W. Smith, Mesnard, and Krueger) will meet as needed.

Student Safety Committee

The Committee (Palmer, Goldsmith, Hall, Wasmuth, Jeff Ray, Josh Morrison, Chris Smith, Amy Schaal, Kendra Craig, Zac Stombaugh, Bogart, Critcheloe, Garrison, Casey, Protz, Kern, and Mesnard,) meet as needed.

Athletic Committee

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

School Wellness Committee

The Committee (Wasmuth, Hall, Garrison, Reams, Kelly Curll, Lewis, Krueger, and Mesnard) will meet as needed.

Concussion Committee

The Committee (Palmer, Smith, Garrison, Casey, Kern, Protz, Clay, and Whitten) meets each year to review board policy, return to play policy and general protocol for concussion responsibilities.

Student Discipline Committee

The Committee (Palmer, Goldsmith, Wasmuth, Garrison, Protz, Krueger, Kern, Holliday, Mesnard, Emerick, Eckhart, Stewart, Tarkington, Schaal, Lewis, Reeter, and 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. The first school sponsored college visit to SIUE on October 17.
2. Student Council Blood Drive is Tuesday October 30th.
3. Parent Teacher Conferences will be October 25 and 26.
4. Red/White Scrimmage night for basketball will be November 10, 5pm.
5. Jostens will be here November 12 to talk to seniors about graduation announcements.
6. VCHS Talent Show will be November 16th.
7. We have a couple of workshops and presentations coming up this week and next week to help seniors with college information. This week our ISAC(Illinois Student Assistance Commission) Representative will be in Student Services office all day on Thursday October 11th to help seniors fill out college applications or answer any questions students may have about college applications.
8. On Tuesday October 16th, the Rep will be doing a presentation on the proper way to complete a college application. This will be held in all of the senior English classes that day.
9. Vandalia FFA finished 1st Place Overall at the County Land Use CDE. Keith Green, Elizabeth Cable and Ali Willenborg placed in the Top 10 as Individuals at the Section 19 Land Use CDE and the team finished 2nd place overall and advances to State next week.
10. Vandalia FFA hosted a Leadership Training School at the Vandalia Junior High which included 155 students from 12 area schools. Section 19 FFA President, Dalton Whitten and Illinois State FFA Treasurer, Taylor Hartke led the training through several workshops focusing on communication and leadership skills.
11. We had 3 band students participate in a music education preview day at McKendree University on Monday, October 1st. They got the opportunity to attend several classes, work with a private lesson teacher, as well as a mentor, and perform a piece of music with the McKendree band on a concert that evening. Senior Laura Davis and juniors Cheyenne Justice and Anna Blunt had a great day and learned a lot about studying music in college!
12. Mrs. Hanke and Mrs. Kern will be taking a group of students to KC on October 24th from 5:30-7:30pm for a Critical Skills Gap Panel. They will be listening to a panel discussion among business owners and industry experts. The purpose is to address the lack of trained labor in the vocational trades and to highlight potential earnings in these trades. We are hoping to expose our students to various jobs in our community and surrounding communities and the skills needed to get these jobs. We have targeted seniors that are unsure of what their plans are after high school but any student interested is welcome. Some of these students have taken the evening off of work to attend!

Junior High Board Report

Brian Kern – Principal
Brian Holliday – Asst. Principal

- First Quarter will end on October 19th. Grade cards will be sent home on Wednesday October 24th.
- VIP sponsoring Family Movie Night w/ Starmax on 11/9 – The Grinch – 4pm and 7pm

Activities for the Month

- Girls Basketball has home games on October 18 and 22 and November 1, 2, 12. VJHS is hosting the 7th grade girls' basketball sectional on 11/28.
- Boys Basketball is just beginning their season and will start with games the last week of October. The seventh grade will play in a tournament in Pana. The boys have home games on November 13, 20, 26 Dec. 4, 10, 11, 13 and host a 7th grade tourney on the 8th
- The junior high band will march in the Vandalia Halloween Parade on the 25th. Some individual members of the band and chorus have participated in IMEA contests on October 6th. The following JH students have made ILMEA District Honor Band and Choir. Congratulations to the following students for being selected.

Choir

Victoria Blackburn
Kiley Bryant
Anthony Hicks
Izzy Hill
Johanna Shields

Band

Carlie Graummenz
Mackenzie Emerick

Jazz Band

Christian DuPlayee

- Picture re-take and Fall athletic pictures will be 10/25.
- VIP reward – Out to lunch for targeted behavior the last week in October

Elementary Board Report
Stacy Mesnard – Principal

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

- VES held our annual Red Cross Blood Drive and had 26 donors participate. Thanks to those within the community who took the time to do this.
- The VES PTO and VES staff worked together to make the first ever VES PTO float for the Homecoming Parade in September. We had a lot of fun working together on this project and hope to continue and make this an annual event.
- The three PreK teachers and three speech language pathologists spent two days administrating the DIAL screenings to any eligible preschoolers in our area. Many students were identified and qualified for our PreK program. Many of these students will be enrolling in our school when they reach their 3rd birthday.
- Second grade took their annual field trip to the St. Louis Zoo last week compliments of the VES PTO.
- Upcoming events for VES include the beginning of the Partners in Reading program for the year, Ag in the Classroom, and the annual Fire Prevention week activities.

OKAW Area Vocational Center Board Report
Nick Casey – Director

- MTI and UTI came a spoke to kids about post secondary option.
- Building Trades- Roof, and most of the windows are installed. Siding will be next.
- Perkins Grant has been submitted. Waiting on approval.

“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.”