

Vandalia Community District #203
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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 24th – Half Day School for Students / Half Day Staff Professional Development
- April 12th – Half Day School for Students / Half Day Staff Professional Development
- April 13th to April 17th – Easter Break
- April 18th – School Resumes

Technology Report

- Switch upgrade happened across the district back on February 20th and there was little to no issues with the switch over.
- Thank you to the maintenance department for replacing the batteries in the ups units in the high school server room downstairs. The switch back over to that power is happening the morning of the March 18th. During that time, there will also be two smaller battery backups installed upstairs in the wiring closet to help to keep network switches up and running in case of a power outage. The upstairs and downstairs equipment are all very vital for phone and internet service across the whole district. This will hopefully help with some issues till they can be fully addressed this summer.
- Chromebooks keep coming in with breaks. So far they are still under warranty so most of the damage has been being covered under the warranty yet.
- 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 Replacing the outdated wireless network at VES is first, followed by an updated firewall and battery backups for the district.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 March 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) will meet in May.

Transportation Committee

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

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 April.

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 Curr, 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

- Sophomores will be participating in the Welcome to the Real World workshop again this year.
- FFA Banquet is Monday April 3rd 6pm at the Junior High Café.
- Student Council will be sponsoring a blood drive Monday April 10th.
- Progress reports go out Monday April 3rd.
- All spring sports have started and are in full swing.
- Prom is Saturday April 29th.

Junior High Board Report

Brian Kern – Principal

Brian Holliday – Asst. Principal

- Hannah Warner- daughter of Jason and Dana was chosen by the eighth grade teachers to be the recipient of the DAR Good Citizenship award for Vandalia Junior High. Hannah was recognized at an awards ceremony in Greenville on Saturday March 18th.

Activities for the Month

- Girls Volleyball- 7th grade finished 11-6, 8th grade 18-7
- Band and Chorus - participated in IESA Solo and Ensemble contests. These are individual entries which will compete on March 18 in Effingham
- Track started their practice on Monday March 13th Their first meet is 4/5 at Effingham
- PARCC Test- We began testing 3/13 for grades 4/5. Grads 6-8 will begin 3/27. Thus far, technologically speaking, the process has been very successful.
- Pennies for Patients – VJHS raised \$2947 for this cause by bringing in spare change. The top three homerooms from 4/5 and the top three from 6-8 were rewarded by the 5/6 student council.
- Guidance Information
- 8th Grade Scholarship- students will be writing essays for the Vandalia Schools Foundation \$1000.00 scholarship on March 21.

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

- VES had a successful Grandparents Day, PTO Book Fair, and Dodgeball Tourney last week. Many of our students had grandparents represented and the profit from the Book Fair for the week was almost \$9,000.
- Upcoming events for VES include a Ronald McDonald assembly, Ag in the Classroom presentations, and March PBIS Ice Cream Reward.
- Third graders will be taking the PARCC test in mid-April.
- Thirty-six students sold twenty or more tubs of cookie dough so they earned the reward to go to Pizza Hut in a limousine. Big shout out to all the parents who helped them – this was quite a treat for the students!

OKAW Area Vocational Center Board Report
Nick Casey – Director

- 3rd quarter grade have been sent to participating schools
- A Brownstown senior and a Vandalia junior participated in Skills USA and finished 2nd and 10th out of 75 high schools students in the Welding program.
- Building Trades students are trimming and installing closet shelving and will be working for a church in April.
- Commercial Art students are using the vinyl printer and producing tshirts and window stickers.

“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.”