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### **Jill Kay- Elementary Principal**

Jillian Kay, Treynor Community School Elementary Principal, spoke to the Treynor Optimist Club on Saturday, October 14. She is in her third year at Treynor. She lives in Millard and has three children. She grew up in the Omaha Ponka Hills area, went to UNO for undergraduate



studies, then taught 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades for five years. Then she got married, had children, and stayed home with her children. While at home she got a Master's degree in Elementary Curriculum. She went back to work eight years ago. She also decided to get a Master's degree in Administration and

completed that in June 2014. She stated, "Working in Treynor has restored her faith in home and families."

The Teacher Leadership Compensation (TLC) Program provides money for mentors (instructional coaches) to help new teachers. Three years ago it started as a grant to 14 schools in Iowa. The next year it was provided to 28 schools. This year it provides funding to all schools in Iowa.

The TLC program helped set up Learning Communities. The teachers from each grade meet weekly to look at assessments, write goals, and track students. The school has to teach the minimum of the Iowa Core. However, the assessments do not currently match the requirements of the Iowa Core. One of the challenges of the Learning Communities is to

change the mindset of teachers from "my students" to "our students."

The Iowa Core curriculum started with requirements in Reading. The next year they added Math, then Science, then History. Other requirements will be added in the future. Cursive writing is not part of the Iowa Core, but it is currently taught in Treynor.

IOWA tests all students, but the test does not cover what the CORE requires Iowa to teach. Legislators may vote testing be changed to AIR, a test that matches the CORE better. There are tests for reading levels three times a year. Two external factors which affect reading scores in the Green Hills AEA 13 are fewer two-parent families and poverty.

Jillian showed a variety of charts on achievement progress at the school. The charts show that the children in grades 3-5 that get free and reduced meals have equal performance as the other children. There is also no statistical difference in the performance of boys and girls in reading, science, and math.

In Treynor about 5% of the students are Special Ed students and each have Individualized Education Plans (IEP). All are expected to achieve. 80% of the students must know the concept before moving to the next level.

Each principal brings news ideas and ways of doing things and Principal Kay feels those methods need to be in place five years to make it stick! Her desire is she wants those ideas and ways to continue working long after she is gone.

### **Meeting Minutes**

Keith Denton conducted the meeting of the Treynor Optimist Club. Minutes notes were written by Dee Guttau/Dale Willenborg. There were 11 members and one guest at the meeting- Jill Kay. The meeting began with humor by Dennis White,

Dee Gutttau, Dale Willenborg, and Keith Denton, followed by the pledge of allegiance. Dale Willenborg offered the prayer.

Marsha Underwood won the 50/50 drawing. Linda Danker was selected for the attendance prize but did not collect. John Klein won the football contest. A Birthday was celebrated with a song for Marsha Underwood. Dale and Dianne Willenborg's 38<sup>th</sup> anniversary was celebrated.

Gary Gutttau contributed to the Youth Fund to give a tribute to Richard Vorthmann's life. Gary also contributed for ISU's win over OK and stated he was at the game in OK in the 60's the last time that happened. Lou Howell contributed because her sister's grandson is school aged and now cancer free.

Can Kennel sorting will be Wednesday at 3:00 for the Treynor Music Boosters.

Various members helped this week with putting up and taking down flags for Columbus' Day. The flags will be taken off the poles and washed for the winter.

Since Treynor Days activities were cancelled because of weather, the junior Treynor Women will have a Halloween carnival on October 29 at the Treynor Community Building.

Lou Howell, Treynor Superintendent, said that they completed the certification of enrollment this week. Treynor has 275 open enrolled students.

Lou Howell plans to attend the Optimist Meeting in Des Moines.

#### **Calendar**

Oct 8 – Put up flags (last for 2017)

#### **Birthdays**

Oct 17 – Marsha Underwood

Oct 29 – Bill Vorthmann

#### **Anniversaries**

Oct 17 – Dennis & Kay White

Shop with the Sheriff was discussed.

Dee Gutttau provided an auction item of a basket of gourds.

The meeting was closed by VP Willenborg and by stating the Optimist creed.

*To Members and guests: We invite you to attend any meeting you can. It's a time for discussing ways to serve our youth (our mission) and to interact with each other. It is a great way to know what is happening in the community (with youth and others) and to learn about interesting topics from speakers in the area each week! Meetings run from 8-9 AM on Saturday mornings at the Treynor Community Building (Legion Room).*

#### **Speakers**

Oct. 21 – Jose Puncel, Treynor Science Teacher

Oct. 28 – Lou Howell, Treynor Supt.

#### **Programs**

October - Gary Gutttau

November – Linda Danker

December – Mick Gutttau