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### Dr. Mark Hopkins, Supt of School



Dr. Mark Hopkins, Superintendent of Treynor Community School, gave a recap of the school in COVID. The school closed in-person learning for the school year almost one year ago, at the end of the State Boys Basketball Tournament.

Students returned on that first Monday to get their Chrome books which he was thankful for.

In June the school was required to develop three return-to-school plans for the 2020-2021 school year: onsite, hybrid, and remote learning. When August came, the Board was very decisive, along with Hopkins recommendation, to bring kids back and they're still in school. Kids have benefitted as well from all activities. Limitations were tighter at the beginning for attendance at events.

Masks and social distancing are required. Through December specialized teachers came to the classroom rather than kids coming to the art room, etc. Extra tables and rooms were used for spacing kids for lunch.

It was determined after Christmas that COVID wasn't spreading due to going to school. It was family events causing the spread. Hopkins stated we have two great nurses who learned the pattern with every case. The CDC – Pott Co. also monitor. The positive cases hit a peak late Oct/early Nov which mirrored society.

The elementary stayed home two days before Thanksgiving as there were 8-9 cases in the elementary. Dr. Hopkins stated the school is in good shape and should make it to the end. He feels they've kept kids in school because of wearing masks. A positive is there has been no (or little) hacking or flu.

COVID impacted enrollment in the kindergarten class. They were expecting 55+ and ended up with 44-45. They are hoping for over 50 this fall.

The teachers and coaches have kept everything going and in spite of anxiety and stress, they have an attitude of "Let's do it!"

The school has had five snow days which ends the school year on May 27. A couple were remote days.

Teachers, subs, and all staff have the option to get the vaccine. 110 signed up. An additional 30 have now opted to do it. Hopkins stated we should be close to 90% participation.

The plan is that students will be in the newly constructed area of the high school in April. Then further renovation will be done as planned in the old part. August is the completion goal.

Dr. Hopkins encourages open enrollment. There are 590 resident students and a total of 810 students attending. There is room for more students and the growth in the housing developments will help put kids in seats.

Martin Cannon will speak next week about "Free Speech America".

### Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg, President, called the meeting to order at the Treynor Community Building. Present were 18 members (including 2 virtually). One guest, Dr. Mark Hopkins, was present virtually.

Dale led the Pledge of Allegiance and Jordan Campbell gave the opening prayer.

Bill Vorthmann and Keith Denton provided humor. Phil Waggoner won the 50/50 drawing and Jim Clausen won the attendance drawing.

### Birthdays/Anniversaries: None

**Can Kennel:** Can Kennel sorting will be at 4 PM Wed., March 3 to help the Silver Keg Feeders 4-H Club. Chad Gutttau discussed the new bottle bill. It was mentioned that stores can sign out of redemption if there is a center within 20 miles. We encourage all to drop off cans at the can kennel in Treynor.

**Community: None**

**Bragging Rights:** (\$ to fund youth activities)

Gary Gutttau found a paper about honoring former Supt. Lou Haack and noted his own involvement with the school through the many years. Gary also questioned if there is an increase in the minimum wage, will there be an increase in Social Security?

Keith Denton donated because he sold his last pickup for \$10,000. Bill Vorthmann donated \$1 because his granddaughter Avery Dyckes was inducted into National Honor Society and \$2 because John Klein helped Ann and him get their shots at HyVee.

Jim Clausen and Kevin Underwood contributed because the Treynor Girls Basketball team is going to state. Kevin also acknowledged Carter White's efforts in basketball. Phil Waggoner contributed because John Klein has copied his haircut.

Judy Gutttau contributed because grandson Brock Fox says applied geometry in college is easy because of Treynor math.

Dale Willenborg donated because he will be gone next week for his granddaughter's baptism.

Keith Denton donated because his snowblower worked. John Klein donated because the Treynor Boys Basketball team play tonight at state. Mick Gutttau contributed because this month is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the invasion into Laos, known as Lam Son 719, the largest operation since D

Day (WW II). He was the first guy in to the objective and a lot of guys were lost.

**Old/New Business:** None

**Auction:** Judy Gutttau donated a chess set and board game which were purchased by Dale Willenborg and Keith Denton. Dennis White purchased a decorative hanger left in the can kennel.

The meeting was closed with the Optimist Creed.

**HUMOR**

- With the invention of self-driving vehicles, it's only a matter of time before we get a country song where a guy's truck leaves him too.
- I don't want a talking car. When I get stopped by the police, it might squeal on me.

**Calendar**

Mar. 3 Can Kennel Sorting at 4 PM

**Birthdays**

Mar. 11 Ken Graham

**Anniversaries**

Mar. 4 Gene & Erika Seran

Mar. 8 Keith & Georgia Denton

**Programs**

March Chad Gutttau

April Phil Waggoner (first two)

Open (last two)

May Steve Irwin (first two)

Dale Willenborg (last two)

**Speakers**

March 6 Martin Cannon, Free Speech America

March 13 Travis Castle, Vision Treynor Group

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