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Jeff Koenck, Treynor Community School

Jeff Koenck, 6-12 TLC
(Teacher Leadership
Compensation) Coach is in his
9th year at Treynor and 5th year
as the TLC Coach. Raised in
Denison, he did his student
teaching in Treynor and knew
this is where he wanted to



land. He even took a part-time teaching job here
to get started. Koenck has two children in the
school district – 2nd and 6th grade. He is working
towards his Masters' Degree to become a
Principal.

As a TLC Coach Jeff has formal coaching
cycles with teachers. They may have the teacher
make a video of themselves teaching which they
then analyze. He also discusses student
centered goals with the teachers. He gives
students pre-assessments and manages the
student assessment data wall. He does walk into
a classroom unannounced sometimes, not to
evaluate, but he loves to see what the teachers
and students are doing.

More time is spent with new teachers
especially at the beginning of the school year.
Teachers can ask him to coach them individually
or he will seek teachers out as well.

Math and reading are assessed three times a
year in middle school. This helps the teachers
know where students are and identifies kids
needing more support. New this year is a
common study hall time during 5th period right
before lunch so students can get extra support
from their teachers.

Koenck plans and delivers with the Principal
the professional growth instruction to be given to
teachers on Wednesdays when there is early
dismissal.

Koenck stated he took a grad class through
Beuna Vista University to learn this role and
learned from two national gurus in the industry.

All schools in the conference offer this
program. Once a month the TLC coaches get
together to network. The Elementary School has
a separate Instructional Coach, Heidi Finnigan.
The money comes from the state for the program
in each school.

Koenck is also in his seventh season as the
Boys Track Coach at Treynor. Four of the seven
seasons Treynor has finished in the top ten teams
in our class at the state track meet. He was
asked to speak at a state sports clinic about why
Treynor is always good at hurdles. He
summarized that you have to have the right kids
and we've been blessed with a ton of talent. He
stated 2020 was going to be the best year, but
due to COVID, there wasn't a season.

He shared some student 400 hurdle facts: In
2021 Sid Schaaf and Noah James were #1 and
#2 in the 400 Hurdles and the only school to run
the top two places. Brett Daley holds the school
record at 53.17 sec. in the 400 Hurdles. In 2019
the shuttle hurdle now is 36" high, the first year it
went up.

He has eight hurdlers this year. He believes
students in multi-sports make the best track
athletes.

A fun remark was that in 2021, Treynor was
favored to win it all at state. There were 96
schools across the state, but we lost to our
conference competitor – Underwood!

Koenck said building relationships with the
kids is important in coaching and being in all the
classrooms in grades 6-12 helps that cause.
Koenck focuses on relays. Assistant coaches,
Lyle Nichols, Ryan Messerschmidt, Tony Leick
focus on other areas. Hartigan and Hempel focus
on the girls.

There are 16 track meets allowed, not
counting Drake Relays, a state qualifying track
meet and the State Track meet. Three of the
meets will be indoors. He likes to plan meets at
some bigger schools. There will be just one in
Treynor – the Jerome Howe Relays and possibly
the state qualifying meet.

Next week:

Gregg Herzberg – Advanced Agrilytics
(Company that does analysis of clients' fields
acre by acre)

Famous Quote

**“Turn your face always toward the sunshine,
and shadows will fall behind you.”**

Walt Whitman

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg, President, called the meeting to order. Eighteen members were present. Jeff Koenck was a guest. Silver Keg Feeder leaders and members were present to serve a wonderful breakfast to the Optimists. The group recited the pledge and Steve Irvin gave the prayer.



Silver Keg Feeders 4-H Club

Jokes: Jeff Jorgensen, Steve Chambers, Bill Vorthmann and his grandson.

50/50: Gary Funkhouser

Attendance: Phil Waggoner

Birthdays/Anniversaries: We celebrated Ken Graham's upcoming birthday.

Bragging Rights: (Dollars are contributed to benefit local youth programs.)

- Jim Clausen donated because of the Boys basketball team getting to play two games at the State Tournament. Others also donated: Judy Gutttau, Kevin Underwood, Marsha Underwood, Dale Willenborg.

- Dick Fox gave a moisture report stating he has only one rain gauge out right now and had .9" of rain and 2-3" of snow. Kevin Underwood stated he had .6" of rain.
- Judy Gutttau shared she had attended an individual gymnastics competition in Lincoln that her 9 year old granddaughter Tessa was in. She received a couple metals (floor and uneven bars).
- John Klein bragged on the Treynor Jazz Band winning the Jazz Festival in their Class at AL and the Middle School came in 3rd among all Middle School Jazz Bands.
- Gary Gutttau showed some old "cool" mesh car seats that were used before air conditioners. He also brought a small bag of carpet tacks and a fish hook that were in the can kennel last time.
- Dale Willenborg told us about his grandson participating in a state Robotics Contest and doing well, only losing to the champions.

Business:

- Can Kennel sorting will be Wednesday at 2:00 PM with the JOI Club.
- An Optimist Youth Appreciation event is scheduled for Sunday, April 28 at 3 PM at Zion Congregational Church. Dale reported he has contacted the school about having the teachers select an outstanding boy and girl from each grade (7-12).
- Sat., April 6 – The Optimists will provide flyers for flags to be distributed door to door in Treynor with Scouting for Food Flyers.

Community:

- Sun., March 10 – Daylight Savings Time
- Mon. March 11 – Legion Fish Fry, Treynor Community Building
- Thurs., Mar. 14 – Reiver Jazz Fest (Jazz choir)
- Thurs., March 21 – Treynor Pops Concert
- Sat., March 23 – Father/Daughter Dance for 3-8th grade at Treynor Community Center.
- Wed., March 27, 11 AM – Treynor Community Center – discussion about future of Treynor Senior Citizen Home.
- Tues., April 2 – Iowa Jazz Championships

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

CALENDAR

Humor



“Hi, Grandma! I’m calling ‘cause I thought you might like to smile.”

Events:

Mar 13 Can Kennel Sorting with JOI Club 2 PM

Birthdays

March 11 Ken Graham

Anniversaries

None

Programs:

Mar Aaron Schoening (3rd/4th Sat)

Phil Waggoner (5th Sat)

Apr. Kathy Luedke (1st/2nd Sat)

Jeff Jorgensen (3rd/4th Sat)

May Linda Danker (1st/2nd Sat)

Phil Waggoner (3rd/4th Sat)

Speakers

Mar 16 Gregg Herzberg – Advanced Agrilytics

Mar 23 Aaron Schoening, AVP at TS Bank.
Sharing about his 10 years as Dept.
Manager at Menards.

Mar 30 Cullen Udell, Girls Wrestling Coach
Cody Kingery, Boys Wrestling Coach

Apr 6 Doug Gray, Prairie Crossing Winery

Apr 13 Mark & Joey Sornson, Sornson & Sons LLC

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