October 22, 2023

Secondary Principals,

It is with sadness that I share the news of the death of one of our own. Emily Liddell, Principal of Taylorsville High School, died this week of health complications. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Taylorsville High School Community, Granite School District and the Liddell Family. Emily was an amazing principal and will certainly be missed.

This week is Red Ribbon Week. We are also officially one quarter of the way through the school year. Congratulations to all of you. There are great things going on in our secondary schools in Utah.

Please make note of the following:

1. **UASSP Assistant Principals Conference**

We are just a few weeks away from our AP Conference on November 9. Our theme is "**Lead with Intention...and Curiosity."**It will be held at The Gardens at Thanksgiving Point with registration and breakfast starting at 8 AM. We have great speakers, activities, food, collaboration, and more. The conference will conclude at 2 PM.

A. Peter Glahn - Past President

B. Kyle Campbell - Assistant Principal of the Year

C. Doug Welton - Utah Legislator, and Current Educator

Information and Q&A about the Upcoming Legislative Session

D. Dan Linford - Davis District Superintendent

Role of the AP when it Comes to the Leading of Learning in Schools

E. Heidi Alder - Educational Attorney

What Admin Need to Know about the Latest Legal Issues in Schools

F. Chad Lewis - NFL Superbowl Champion

Surround Our Students with Greatness - Working as a Team

And More!!

Register now at [uassp.org](https://uassp.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=77f503ba158804aa40a5c2292&id=e57cac7839&e=b59ee2a9c3).

2. **Power Hour with First Lady Abby Cox**

We are excited to have the First Lady of Utah, Abby Cox, as our Power Hour guest on November 8 from 10-11 AM. She will be discussing her many educational initiatives as well as answering questions. If you would like to join the virtual meeting on Wednesday, November 8, please email rhonda.bromley@uassp.org.

3. **Legislative Update - *Connect and Communicate***

The UASSP Legislative Council and Executive Board will be voting to officially support the Legislative Priorities of the JLC (Superintendents, Board Members and Business Administrators) at the Legislative Council meeting on November 1. See the following link for details:

[JLC Priorities 2023-24](https://uassp.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=77f503ba158804aa40a5c2292&id=27e024946f&e=b59ee2a9c3)

Please let a member of the UASSP Executive Board or Legislative Council know if you have any questions or concerns prior to their meeting on November 1.

4. **Administrative Spotlight - Ogden Technical High School - Principal Dana Nolan**

There are some exciting things happening in Ogden School District. In 2024-25 Ogden Technical High School will open. OTECH High will be a new building on the East side of the Ogden Weber Technical College.

This school will provide students in grades 10-12 the opportunity to take their core classes at OTECH and then continue their day by taking their college classes. In addition, students will have the opportunity to maintain their active enrollment at their designated comprehensive high school. Another bonus for the students is that the core courses offered at OTECH will all be based on PCBL. To find out more, go to [uassp.org](https://uassp.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=77f503ba158804aa40a5c2292&id=9f5ad9d227&e=b59ee2a9c3).

5. **Book of the Month**

Our Book of the Month is *Leading With Dignity - How to Create a Culture that Brings out the Best in People*by Donna Hicks, PhD.

What are the skills needed to be part of the way we interact with one another? What are the 10 Elements of Dignity? See the book review by Executive Board Member Cerissa Thompson at [uassp.org](https://uassp.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=77f503ba158804aa40a5c2292&id=327902ca59&e=b59ee2a9c3). This is a must read for leaders.

6. **2024 Conferences**

A. UASSP Mid-Winter Conference: January 29-31 in St. George
B. UASSP Summer Conference: June 10-12 in Park City
C. NASSP/NAESP National Conference: July 15-17 in Nashville, TN

Election Day is November 7. We encourage you to become educated about candidates and propositions, and of course take the opportunity to vote. This is another important election year for public education in Utah.

Please let any of your Executive Board Members know if you have questions or concerns. The secondary students in Utah are in good hands. Thanks for all you do!

Rhonda