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Secondary Principals,

It was great to see so many of our secondary administrators last week at the UASSP Mid-Winter Conference. It was a good opportunity to learn together, to connect, and to be inspired/motivated. We are ready for the last half of the school year!

Please make note of the following:

1. **Principals and Assistant Principal of the Year**
At our conference last week, we announced our high school and middle level principal of the year as well as our assistant principal of the year. Congratulations to:

**Roger Arbabi - High School Principal of the Year - Park City High School**
**Brian Stevenson - Middle Level Principal of the Year - Crimson Cliffs Middle**
**Melody Apezteguia - Assistant Principal of the Year - American Fork High**

We appreciate State Superintendent Dr. Syd Dickson, as well as the Superintendents from Park City (Dr. Jill Gildea), Washington (Dr. Richard Holmes) and Alpine (Dr. Shane Farnsworth), for presenting the awards to these amazing administrators at our mid-winter conference. We are excited to hear from each winner at our summer conference in June. For a full bio of each go to [uassp.org](https://uassp.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=77f503ba158804aa40a5c2292&id=449715268e&e=77161a8d36).

2.**Power Hour with Lexi Cunningham**
We are looking forward to our Power Hour this **Wednesday, February 14 from 9-10 AM.** We will be joined by Lexi Cunningham for the virtual meeting. Lexi will update us on the current Utah Legislative Session. There is a lot going on right now that will impact our schools.**If you are interested in joining, email**rhonda.bromley@uassp.org**.**

3. **Book of the Month**
Our Book of the Month is Trust and Inspire by Kasperson, Covey and Judd. In it, you will find key points about leadership based on trust. See the book review by Executive Board Member Ryan McGuire at [uassp.org](https://uassp.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=77f503ba158804aa40a5c2292&id=0beb4fb2b2&e=77161a8d36). This is a great book for any leader.

4. **Mid-Winter Conference Re-Cap**
Thanks to those that attended and participated in our conference. Many of the presentations are available on the website at [uassp.org](https://uassp.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=77f503ba158804aa40a5c2292&id=9cabe4a1a2&e=77161a8d36). Thanks to our Presenters:

State Superintendent Dr. Syd Dickson
Dr. Jessica Lahey - The Gift of Failure
Gerry Brooks - Go See The Principal
Steve Snow - School Finance
Jeremy Barnes - What is an SRO?
Courtney Johnson - Strategic School Branding
Eric Price - Embracing the Power of AI
Stewart Hudnall - Vaping in School
Rachel Terry - Title IX in School Athletics and Activities

We always love including students where we can. We appreciate the Dixie High School Drumline, cheerleaders from high schools in Washington District, and our student leaders from UASC.

It was fun to have the Superintendent of Rock there to entertain. Thanks for joining us Steve Carlson (Box Elder), Kodey Hughes (Juab), Gregory Thornock (Tintic), and Anthony Godfrey (Jordan).

We had one of our own administrators kick off the conference with the national anthem. Thank you Alice Ericksen from Dixie Middle School.

Our UASSP President Shane Jones (Skyview)  shared a President's Message and Past President Peter Glahn (American Fork) facilitated the session called This Really Happened. (You can't make this stuff up!)

5. **Impact Journal Articles**
We would like to invite you to submit an article for our Impact Journal. We love to learn from other administrators around the state. Submit articles by February 29 to rhonda.bromley@uassp.org or jbarlow@dsdmail.net.

6. **Mark Your Calendars for the following Conferences:**
UASSP Summer Conference in Park City - June 10-12
NASSP/NAESP United National Conference in Nashville - July 15-17

Our thoughts are with secondary schools in Utah that are going through some unique challenges right now. Thank you for your focus on helping every student be successful.

Rhonda