



September Newsletter 2017

Wyoming Principals,

Welcome to another great year in Wyoming. I know you are all rested and ready to rock this semester and in the future days to come. I just wanted to touch base with y'all to let you know what I have envisioned for the WASSP this year:

1. Continued surveys for principals: send me your questions as the information we are getting from our survey is outstanding. I will gladly put these into a Google Form and send to our membership (and/or other memberships for a larger picture) and share the results.

2. Virtual Meetings to discuss Best Practices: I don't want to call them ECHO projects but that paints the process pretty well. Just a quick virtual meeting to discuss various best practices that we all do in our buildings. The topic of Best Practices came up in our PD survey and I would like to focus on that this year.

3. Strategic Plan for WASSP: Working on that with Ken.

4. Regional Meetings: We hope to get you all together to discuss the important things that you are doing in your regions. Nice way to get together and discuss. Tough to leave our buildings but well worth it.

5. Any other information that the members see fit to pursue is always on the table.

I am sure you have all seen your School Performance Reports...Nice Work! If you find yourself in a situation like mine (Partially Meeting Expectations), please reach out to your colleagues and see what they are doing and how it could assist your building. I know that I will be on the horn calling some of you so be ready!

Thanks again for allowing me another year to be the President of such a fine group of professionals.

Cory J. Dziowgo

Principal Wheatland Middle School

Platte County School District #1

WASSP President 2016-2018

Google Zoom!

WASSP will continue to expand our networking throughout the year. You have, no doubt, received questions and queries from your colleagues via our email network over the last year. This year President Dziowgo will be googlizing this process with google surveys that can be accessed and shared by all. So, if you have a burning question or a great idea that is working, please share it.

We will also be utilizing our ZOOM account to network folks, including teachers as well as administrators.

NASSP Future Conference Dates/ Locations

July 11-13, 2018

Chicago, Illinois

July 18-20, 2019

Boston, MA

July 7-9, 2020

National Harbor, MD (DC Area)

Welcome Back

"We must, indeed, all hang together, or most assuredly we shall all hang separately." Ben Franklin -In the Continental Congress just before signing the Declaration of Independence, 1776.

While we are not going to start a revolution across Wyoming this year, the advice is still very good. If we as school leaders can hang together along with the rest of the educational community in our state, we will lessen the affect of trimming budgets on the teaching and learning that needs to continue moving forward.

WASSP has become a strong voice in this conversation with representation on state committees, professional judgment panels as well as connections with our legislators across the state. You will continue to receive updates and calls for action throughout this year. What I have learned over the past few years is that the folks making the rules would really like to hear from building administrators as they are marking up bills. While they give me the glad hand, I am just an old retired principal and they like to hear front line stories all the way to Washington. Whenever we send out a call to action, please take the time to reach out to your legislator. We must hang together.

Please check out the upcoming conferences in this newsletter. We work hard to bring the best and most current professional development to you.

Throughout the year, stay in touch by visiting our website: www.wassp.org
You will want to refresh the pages quite often as they change.

I hope you all have an awesome year.

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APOY Nominations Open

Nominations are now open for our Assistant Principal of the Year for 2018. They must have served in their current school for at least three years and, of course, be a member of our association.

All it takes to nominate is an email or letter with a paragraph or two about why you are making the nomination. We will take care of the rest at the office.

Nominations close Nov. 1.

Scholarships

Your association will, once again, be offering two scholarships this year.

A \$500 scholarship is available for seniors who are lucky enough to attend a school where the administration is an association member.

We will also be offering Dr. Emma Jo Spiegelberg Aspiring Leader \$500 scholarship to an aspiring leader taking coursework in a program leading to the principalship.

Both applications are due to Executive Director, Ken Griffith at Box 601, Guernsey, WY by December 1.

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT:
http://www.wassp.org/WASSP_Site/

Cox Takes Over As Coordinator

Not only did Darren Peppard cross over to the dark side and take a central office job, he did so in Colorado. What is the world coming to?

Anyway, Brian Cox, Principal at Johnson Junior High in Cheyenne has taken over that role as well as serving as our Secretary/Treasurer.

His primary role is act as our legislative liaison in Washington and Cheyenne. I am sure he would appreciate any input as we advocate throughout this year. coxb@laramie1.org

Take time to check out all the benefits your membership entitles you to with AMBA at:

[https://
www.myambabenefits.info/
association/wassp](https://www.myambabenefits.info/association/wassp)



Mountain States Leadership Conference V

Our 5th annual regional leadership conference is just around the corner on Nov. 12-14 in Deadwood SD.

The theme this year will be "Design Thinking." The following quotes are from an article about this topic which you can find at:

<https://www.edutopia.org/blog/design-thinking-empathy-challenge-discovery-sharing-susie-wise>

"Design thinking gave me a process to weave through all of the project-based learning experiences I create with my kiddos."

"As a leader of a #NextGen school, design thinking is our continuous innovation process."

"Design thinking reminds me all the time why I became an educator; it all starts with empathy."

You can register on-line here!!

Cory Dziwogo has invited you to **edit** the following form:

[2017 Mountain States Leadership Conference IV](#)

[Open in Forms](#)

October is National Principals Month

We will have an official proclamation signing by the Governor and much more. Be watching for it!

Hello Ken,

It seems that the schools are not aware that we hold multiple cooperative contracts, their rebate checks are because they use all or some of our contracts, it is not for Food Service as many think. The year end totals of the newsletter let them know what contracts they used in order to receive their rebate. If you could do a blurb to that effect would be helpful.

We really don't have anything new at this time, you can use what you would like from our July Newsletter too.

Thank you Ken, hope the beginning school year is going well for you.

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From: Tony Anson

Principal; Basin High School

WASSP representative on Accountability Committee

I hope you all had a relaxing and rejuvenating summer. I know this year brings with it some new challenges and unknowns. The first unknown is the WYtopps test and how that is going to look. Personally I am wondering what type of information I am going to be able to draw from it in the fall and winter testing so that I can justify dropping MAPS testing.

The main reason I am writing this article is to give you a bit of a heads up on the rest of the measurements that high schools are going to be measured on under the new ESSA plan. Achievement and growth are going to remain the same as before except the 9th and 10th graders are taking the WYTopps instead of the Aspire. The new one is the College, Career, and Military readiness measurement.

- College= successful completion of the Hathaway success curriculum at the opportunity level and an ACT composite score of 19, or successful completion of an AP or IB course, or successful completion of a Dual enrollment course for 3 or more credits with a C or better.
- Career= Successful completion of three course career Sequence (completer) and receiving a passing score on the relevant NOCTI or WyCTA or other relevant exam, or other industry recognized certification
- Military=Students must complete the opportunity level Hathaway curriculum or CTE Pathway and passing the ASVAB with a certain score. They have yet to set that score could be anywhere between 31 and 50. If we have to push I would say push for 31 because that is what the army requires.

What does this all mean to a principal like me? First off let's talk about the difference between Hathaway success curriculum and Hathaway scholarship. Success curriculum are the courses you have to take that meet the requirements of the scholarship, the Hathaway scholarship takes into account GPA and ACT. When schools fill out their WDE950 it just asks about Hathaway success curriculum, so make sure you do not take into account GPA or ACT. Secondly get with your vocational teachers and make sure they are teaching to the NOCTI test blue prints so that their students will pass the NOCTI test, and thirdly have your counselors set up a time to test students on the ASVAB. If my school is being measured by all these measurements, I am making sure that all my bases are covered.

January Conference Features Janel Keating

Janel Keating is superintendent of the White River School District in the state of Washington. An accomplished educator with more than 25 years of experience, she is a former elementary and middle school teacher, elementary principal, director of student learning, and deputy superintendent.

Janel has been named Principal of the Year in Pierce County, Washington, and was a recipient of the 2013 Carroll College 2013 Alumni Academic Achievement Award. An author, Janel has written books and numerous articles on leadership and school improvement. She coauthored (with Robert Eaker) the lead chapter in the 2012 Yearbook of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

She presents at state and national events, and for the past several years has consulted monthly with nearly 250 schools and school districts. Janel is past president of the Washington State Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

NASSP President Daniel Kelly will also be joining us for a presentation.

We will be at the Ramkota in Casper, January 28-30. Mark your calendars and watch for registration materials.

Each new year we conduct a search for the new administrators moving into positions across our great state. You all can play a significant role in that search and perhaps gain a cash reward. If you know of a new administrator in your neighborhood or somewhere in Wyoming, and you use the form below to get them enrolled, being sure to put your name on the sponsor line, you will receive \$25. It don't get no better than that!

WASSP and NASSP NEW Membership Enrollment

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Send enrollment form with payment to: WASSP, c/o Ken Griffith, Box 601, Guernsey, WY 82214
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