**Teacher Spotlight: January 2019**

**Matthew Nagie, 8th Grade Math Teacher, Treasure Mountain Junior High**

**How long have you been a teaching? What year did you start teaching?**

I am a first-year teacher so this is my first year in the Park City School District as a teacher. I am also a proud graduate of Park City High School.

**Education**

University of Utah, BS Civil & Environmental Engineering, 2016

**Hobbies**

Running. I am a coach for both the PCHS Cross-Country team in the Fall and the Track & Field team in the Spring. I also love technology.

**Who/what inspired you to be a teacher?**

Some of the greatest challenges faced by our civilization today need to be tackled with math and science. Teaching a new generation of students to be passionate about shaping the world around them is really what led me to become a teacher. I hope to bring a strong STEM passion into my students' lives and help them realize why a given subject area is important to other related subjects and teach them to be stewards of STEM to make the world a better place.

**What has been your most memorable experience in your first year of teaching?**

Coming into the district as a new teacher and being so warmly welcomed by all of the great staff at TMJH and PCSD.

**What was the Teacher Grant you received this year and why is the initiative it is funding important to you?**The grant I received from PCEF provides the funding to allow me to create video screencasts, similar to Khan Academy, that align with what we're doing in class. These screencasts will provide opportunities for students to catch up, stay on pace, or move ahead at their own pace, providing more flexibility and hopefully greater academic achievement. Overall, I think the screencasts will serve as a tool to help my students and my class be more productive and successful. I hope to have a comprehensive collection of video lessons that supplement everything we're doing in class, from lessons and activities to assessments.

**What impact has PCEF had on you and your students?**

I am appreciative of PCEF for funding innovation. I think it gives PCSD a huge advantage in

bringing the latest technologies and methodologies into students' lives.