Preston Public Schools

Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/6/26
Time: 3:30
Location: PVMS

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment

- Tatyany Jacobsen-mentioned that there should be more instructional minutes at the middle school
    - 5th grade is more focused on introductory Spanish
    - Loved working in the Elementary setting; however, she wished she had more planning time
    - Mentioned that she had been notified of the schedule switch 3 weeks before school started
    - Declared that she had notified administration of her resignation earlier that day

- Ruth Friess-had asked that if we continue with more Elementary Spanish instruction, what specific instructional time would be decreased
- Christine Mcneil-mentioned that she had worked in previous districts where there was no foreign language instruction
    - Mentioned that she felt Tatyany Jacobsen had to rearrange her schedule and classrooms quickly to accommodate for the new Elementary Spanish instruction

- Alexis Shea-mentioned that she felt the new Elementary Spanish schedule was disruptive compared to the previous schedule
    - Mentioned that she felt 30 minutes was not enough time for worthwhile Spanish instruction
    - Brought up that the inclusion of Elementary Spanish led to a loss of instructional time in other content areas

- Haleigh Bresnan-mentioned that it was difficult to meet the recommended hours of instructional time in Reading as a result of the new schedule
    - Mentioned that if Spanish were reintroduced to 2nd and 3rd grade, this would disrupt current instructional hours

- Suggested possibly introducing Elementary Spanish to the schedule for next year instead of the current school year

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Reviewed and approved minutes from the previous Curriculum Committee meeting

5. New Business

5.a 3rd Grade Spanish Implementation

- Discussed possible certification pathways for elementary Spanish instruction
- Reviewed possible schedule options
- Determined instructional time and scheduling considerations
- Discussed staffing and instructional logistics
- Identified next steps and responsibilities

6. Other Business

- Chose next meeting date and time as 11/2/26 at 3:30 PM at PVMS

7. Adjournment