

Avon Lake City Schools Curriculum Council

May 5, 2025

3:00 PM--Pilot Classroom

Minutes

Title	Name	Building		Title	Name	Building
Asst. Superintendent	Dr. Jack Dibee	District		Social Studies	Kurt Shreffler	HS
Curriculum Coach	Heather Hamker	K-4		Social Studies	Ann Meyers	HS
Curriculum Coach	Erin Cheney	5-12		Principal (Asst.)	Nori Okuma	Learwood
ELA	Jeff Stratton	HS		Principal	Mike May	HS
ELA	Jeff Arra	HS		Principal	Jamie Franko	Eastview
Math	Jim Goodman	HS		Gifted	Kristin Castrilla	Learwood
Math	Ryan Smylie	HS		Gifted	Pam Geraci	Troy
Science	Ashley Johnson	HS		World Lang.	Natalie Gemelas	HS
Science	Kelly Kozar	HS		Special Ed.	Pete Schoenlein	HS
Elementary	Elyse Sobol	Eastview		Shoremen Acad.	Dr. Brad Cocco	HS

1. Welcome

2. Team Building Activity--If you could change one thing about education...what would it be?

3. **District OES Goal--** During the 2024-25 school year, 100% of teachers will demonstrate incorporation of the "Portrait of Avon Lake Student" characteristics as reflected in teaching practices, instructional decisions, and through engagement in meaningful professional learning conversations with colleagues to learn and generate new ideas that improve student learning experiences and outcomes.

4. Old Business

- **Supporting Content Teachers**

- Math--summer work for grades 6-8 students on Delta Math (optional)
- ELA--discussion of curricular choices for upperclass students
- SS--working on changes in APush and PD for teachers teaching new courses
- Science--courses, should we level Bio courses, discussing OST data, next steps,etc. (up for adoption/course reviews 25-26), Pathways, role of Integrated Science

- **Shoremen Academy Update**

- Working with Seniors who are cutting it close to graduation

- **Goals for 2024-2025**

- Reflection on whether or not department goals were met, successes and challenges (each department shared out)

- **SS Adoption Update**
 - Training begins next week for Middle School, and the following week for grades 3-6. High school training is currently being scheduled.
- **SB 29**
 - Approximately 90% of the programs used in the district meet SB 29 requirements. We are still looking for alternatives, in some cases, where the program does not meet the student data privacy concerns. The technology/engineering classes seem to be most affected by this.

5. **New Business**

- **Business Advisory Council--IRC Coursework**
 - Kelly Kozar shared the Power Point above. A lengthy discussion was held about ways to incorporate industry recognized credential points into already existing courses. This will be a standing agenda item moving forward.
- **World Languages at LMS**
 - Should 8th grade students be required to take a foreign language? If not, what other opportunities are there for instruction (i.e. not an additional study hall)? The consensus was that we don't necessarily need to require it but we must have some other options in place before making this change. Simply giving kids another study hall as an option is not an acceptable alternative.
- **Algebra I/Foreign Language Credit at LMS**
 - Why is a higher percentage required for high school credit at Learwood vs. ALHS? The issue is not the credit, it's the foundation they need to be successful in higher level courses. That's why there is a higher standard. The high school requires more than a passing grade to move onto an honors track. Both Math and World Languages felt it was important to keep this standard.
- **Summer Coursework Assignments**
 - Discussion about how students know and find out about summer requirements. What about students who register during the summer? Are they being exempted? This will be handled administratively by the building principals as the committee did not feel students who move last minute should be penalized for not completing summer coursework, but also need to be able to get the skills needed to be successful in the course.
- **Other**

6. **Adjournment 4:15 PM**