

Avon Lake City Schools Curriculum Council

September 9, 2024

3:00 PM--Pilot Classroom

Meeting 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**--Kelly Kozar and Ashley Johnson were officially welcomed for the first meeting.

2. **Team Building Activity**--Describing Summer in Two Words

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 and Science shared what they have done already to reach out to new 5-8 content teachers in those areas. Other content areas have also shared plans to do the same.
- Focus on instructional strategies, student achievement and increasing student engagement.

- **Shoremen Academy Update**

- Pilot of BAM program to address mental/behavioral health strategies

- **Updating Computer/AI Skills for Students**

- Erin Cheney, Kelly Kozar, Heather Hamker and Pam Geraci will represent Curriculum Council on a committee working with Mike Triska and NORTH to develop and AI Toolbox for Teachers.

5. **New Business**

- **Goals for 2024-2025**

- Reps will develop a goal with 1 or 2 action statements for the upcoming school year. These will be shared with Jack at their October individual meetings and shared as a large group in November. Progress will be discussed bi-monthly.

- **Portrait of an AL Student**

- Discussion of integrating the characteristics of the Portrait of an AL Student document into activities was identified as an important goal.

- **Course Proposals**

- Course proposals for next school year are encouraged. Discussion was held about how we adopt new courses, update current courses and eliminate courses who are no longer beneficial. Social Studies will need to especially focus on this as their curriculum is up for adoption this year. New CC+ classes are also planned due to training some ALHS teachers are completing.

- **Social Studies Adoption Process**

- Social Studies is up for adoption this year. Kurt and Ann will meet with Jack to put a team together to begin the process. We will need a rep from each building. We will begin by collecting feedback on our current curriculum and materials. We also discussed the parent involvement component of the process.

- **Other**

- Several positive comments were shared about the start of the school year. Several members commented on the benefits they are already seeing with the new schedule at the high school.

6. **Adjournment**