

Avon Lake City Schools Curriculum Council

March 23, 2026

3:00 PM--Pilot Classroom

Minutes

Title	Name	Building		Title	Name	Building
Asst. Superintendent	Dr. Jack Dibee	District		Social Studies	Andrew Dlugosz	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	Adam Slabodnick	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**--Epic Fail--Describe a time you did something so wrong, but learned from it and now look back at it with humor.

3. District OES Goal Development:

100% of district teachers will equip all students with the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to thrive in an ever-changing world by using available technologies, advancing instructional methods, and connecting to real-world experiences.

4. Old Business

● Supporting Content Teachers--Recent Activities--Feb PD Day

- ELA--Olivia Weisman--Rigor and reading well attended, good conversation
- Math--acceleration and gaps, what to provide to close the gaps; how to make sure teachers know which kids are affected by the gaps
- Social Studies--sharing out, use of Gamma, form builder, seminar on teaching controversial topics
- World Language--new CC+ classes, updated frameworks, new AP exam, alignment with LMS, adoption for 26-27
- Science--speaker Bob Glavin, implementing NGSS, why, benefits, etc. discussed Science adoption, looked at a model class

- Elementary--NGSS standards investigation, looked at new units, met with grade levels at possible new materials, and new DRAFT ELA standards
- **Shoremen Academy Update-**
 - Successfully moving students through the pre-apprenticeship program, about 12 students will attain status through it
 - About 4% of students in SA program in some form
- **College and Career Readiness (BAC Update)**
 - [Presentation Link](#)
- **Science Adoption**
 - The Science Committee has finished the adoption cycle. TCI will be adopted K-4, Savvas for grades 5-8, and high school courses are program-specific. Training will be offered during the summer prior to implementation.
- **AL RAP**
 - The January ALRAP meeting was canceled due to snow/cold days. Each school submitted its updates to the group.

5. New Business

- [Summer Assignments for Students](#) (research summary)
 - Discussion continued related to summer work for students. There was a discussion concerning the purpose and amount of summer work. A quick review of summer work from 2025 was viewed on the website.
 - **Curriculum Council will review any proposals for summer work at the May meeting. Any teacher who wishes to issue summer assignments must submit a draft to the Curriculum Council for feedback, including addressing the considerations below [Add your PDF at this link before May 4 .](#)** (If you have questions, contact Dr. Dibee or Jeff Arra)
 - **Considerations--**
 - Flexibility (new or newly enrolled students in the course should still be able to enroll in the course)
 - Accountability (will it count for a grade? If so, how will you assess it?)
 - Reasonableness of student time (indicate expected amount of time to complete. Keep in mind that students often have summer work in several courses, in addition to jobs and sports. CC expects summer assignments to show respect for our students' summer.)
 - Purpose/ benefits (should not be for gatekeeping or managing enrollment numbers)
 - Consistency among courses (all teachers of a course should be using the same assignment)
- **Summer PD Offerings**

6. Adjournment--4:15 PM