

JOHN GLENN HIGH SCHOOL

Shared Decision Making Committee

2024-2025

Kindhearted **N**oble **I**nclusive **G**enuine **H**ardworking **T**rustworthy **S**upportive

A Focused Future

We pride ourselves on working together to ensure that all students are provided with a safe, inclusive and engaging learning environment. Our curriculum is designed to spark intellectual curiosity, develop critical thinking, and promote the ability to work collaboratively with respect and compassion for one another. We foster self-confidence, integrity and an industrious spirit in our students so that they will reach their true potential, become lifelong learners and engaged citizens in an ever changing interdependent global community.

Staff: C. McNamara, T. Sihksnel, M. Jensen, C. Dobra, A. Peiliker, G. Tufano

Parents: Ms. Crowley, Ms. Calanese, Ms. Fardette & Ms. Beuka

Student Representatives: N. Palisciano, P. Bell, A. Hopkins, J. Dalrymple, C. Weiss,

Student Observers: B. Klement, M. LaMena, L. Hartough, Ishan S., K. Meehan

Meeting dates: [9/24](#), 10/22, [11/19](#), 12/17, 1/21, 2/25, 3/25, 4/22, 5/20

Website: [Link](#)

Agenda - October 22, 2024

1. Welcome/Introductions/Housekeeping
2. Mindfulness - Ms. Jensen
3. Meeting Dates
4. Assigning Roles
5. Review of September minutes
6. Feedback - Homecoming (events, TikTok? etc.)
7. Goals - what are our goals as a committee?
 - Communication
 - a. EMS - [Parents as Partners](#)
 - b. JGHS - 9th Grade Packet ([linked here](#))

c. Examples: [West Islip](#), [Cold Spring Harbor](#), [Commack](#)

Meeting Dates	Facilitator/Agenda	Minutes	Mindfulness Exercise
September 24	Mr. McNamara	Ms. Sihksnel	Mr. McNamara
October 22	Ms. Sihksnel	Ms. Dobra	Ms. Jensen
November 19	Ms. Dobra	Megan LaMena	Ishan Shah
December 17	Megan LaMena	Peter Bell	Mrs. Beuka
January 21	Peter Bell	Louise Hartough	Ms. Tufano
February 25	Louise Hartough	Caroline Weiss	Nick P.
March 25	Caroline Weiss	Brayden Klement	Mrs. Calanese
April 22	Brayden Klement	Mrs. Crowley	Ms. Pei
May 20	Mrs. Crowley	Ava Hopkins	Jack D.

September Minutes:

- The meeting began with Mr. McNamara sharing some information about the guidelines of serving on the committee.
- The members of the committee introduced themselves, including student observers
- Ms. Sihksnel shared some information about the new website, setting meetings, etc.
- The committee decided that most liked the use of a Google calendar invite -Ms. Sihksnel will continue with that
- The group shared that we might want to add more specific language as to who can be part of the SDM
- There were some questions as to the specifics of parents joining the SDM
- We discussed adding a past initiatives portion of the website (cum laude system, student of the month, Battle of the Classes, core values, etc.)
- We revisited the concept of “Core Values”, and the distribution of the cards
- We voted on keeping the mindfulness activity - the vote was a yes
- Ms. Sihksnel gave a recap of the minutes from last year, including Battle of the Classes. Ms Jensen shared that the student government is very focused on building school spirit, etc. and the ways that they are looking to do this. The Student Government is committed to continuing this initiative moving forward. They are bringing back the Homecoming Dance this year, and diversifying where spirit goes to.
- The students want to bring back some of the games that happened during the last week of school, but earlier.
- The students suggested creating a “student section” at upcoming games and events