Bassick School Governance Meeting

**2/6/2023 SGC Meeting Minutes:**

Members Present:  Consult Sign-In Sheet

Richard Deecken (Chair)

Joseph Raiola – Principal

Fabienne Anicette – Parent

Rasheme Baskin – Parent

Jae Joyner – Parent

Eric Torres – Community Partner Elevate

John Brockenberry – Teacher

Sheryl Pohl – Teacher

Larissa Jacob – Teacher

Alicia Dotty – Parent

Brendon Pelter – Teacher

Katie Lynn – Assistant Principal

Sean Ward – Assistant Principal

Discussion ensued regarding the new Bassick, as well as our application for entry into the Commissioner’s Network.

Dr. Raiola expressed his pleasure to have new parent and community members participating in the Bassick SGC.  Their input is vital to having a complete and functional SGC, helping guide the school forward in its advisory capacity.

This school is loved and supported, and has been a cornerstone of the Bridgeport community for almost a century.  The Bridgeport community is rallying behind the new Bassick just as it did when other high schools were constructed.

Reviewing the plans, this is a great opportunity to make Bassick once again a school that the city can be proud of.   The manufacturing pathway is a great economic driver that will have a positive impact on our students, and our future.  Also, in terms of recruitment of staff, a new or renovated school can really bring top teaching and administrative talent.  Our administration is actively pursuing various demographics of teachers to increase our diversity.

Our new parent members expressed their support for the new Bassick and entering the Commissioner’s Network.  The concept of entering trades through high school training and union support was discussed.  It is hoped that through this training, Bassick students could learn the valuable training needed to obtain trade jobs in the future.