**Bassick School Governance Committee**

**1/19/2023 SGC Meeting Minutes:**

Members Present:

Dr. Joseph Raiola, Principal

Rich Deecken, Chairman

Brandon Pelter

Sheryl Pohl

John Brockenberry

Clayton Eles

Larissa Jacob

Moicherie Francis

Discussion ensued regarding the new Bassick, as well as our school’s application to enter the Commissioner’s Network.  The program entry requirements are being met, and staff surveys are being distributed to gauge the concerns and issues facing Bassick staff.

Dr. Raiola gave an update on the upcoming merger between Bassick and the Bridgeport Military Academy (BMA).  Bassick and BMA would be housed in the same building, utilizing some common infrastructure and educational resources, including staff.  Athletic teams would also be united under the Bassick banner; BMA students would now play for Bassick as opposed to the current system of playing for their neighborhood school.

Concerns about uniting the two buildings were addressed.  It was concluded that although there will be some organizational concerns that need to be finalized, this will be a great opportunity for both school communities.