

**Promise Neighborhoods
Funding Committee Meeting
February 17, 2010**

In attendance: Cynthia McKenna, Hector Glynn, Emily Sharkey

The discussion focused on the importance of alignment of a Promise Neighborhood in Hartford with Hartford Public Schools.

- Whichever neighborhood is chosen as the Promise Neighborhood, the PN group will be working very closely and directly with the schools in the neighborhood chosen.
- In order for a Promise Neighborhood grant to go forward, there needs to be continued buy-in from Hartford Public Schools
- Next steps were discussed on how to increase the get buy-in and participation of HPS:
 - Need to align the Promise Neighborhood grant application with the strategic plan and goals of the Hartford Public Schools to support already existing and planned efforts
 - This could be accomplished by hiring a consultant to analyze HPS strategic goals and align the Hartford Promise Neighborhood grant application and plan to HPS strategic goals
 - After the alignment between HPS strategic plan and the PN plan has happened, it will need to be presented to the Board of Education – will need to get on the agenda for one of their meetings (March?)
 - Once a neighborhood/zone has been chosen, will then need to get buy-in and increased participation from the school principals, teachers and administrators as well as parents in that specific area
- Also discussed was the various consultant needs during the process:
 - Data and narrative for need of a PN in Hartford
 - Alignment with HPS strategic plan
 - Grant writer

The committee will also begin identifying other funders for both a match and for possibilities to support planning efforts for this initiative. Once a program design is developed, specific local and national resources can be considered.

The next Funding Committee meeting date will be set at or after the next steering committee meeting which is Tuesday February 23rd at 10 am.