

The Chairman Pewsey Area Board

A Bid for pump-priming funding of £3262 to re-establish the Shak Breakfast Club:

Background.

For many years the Local Authority Youth Services team ran a breakfast club and a lunch club at the Shak for the students of Pewsey Vale School. This was part of their youth services programme and was staffed by 2 or 3 adults. Access was free but students obviously had to pay for any food that they wished to consume.

This excellent arrangement, together with the Youth Club activities in the evening, enabled the school to meet the Full Core Offer requirement for wrap-around childcare by signposting our students to this facility. It is conveniently housed within the sports centre complex alongside the school.

On 1 September 2010, Youth Services unilaterally closed the Shak for its breakfast and lunchtime activities: this was despite the vociferous lobbying by our students.

The Requirement

The students of Pewsey Vale School need to have access to a Breakfast club in order to meet the Extended School full core offer requirement.

Historically some 30 - 50 students have used this breakfast club on a daily basis. This demands a staffing level of 2 - 3 adults.

The chairman of the Pewsey Area Board, Mr Jerry Kunkler, attended the meeting with Kevin Sweeney and Carol Grant on 24 August 2010 at which he recognised the need for the Shak and agreed to seek transitional financial support from the Pewsey Area Board.

The purpose of this bid is to seek Pewsey Area Board funding support to provide the Breakfast Club Leader for a 12-month start-up period.

The Breakfast Club Leader will be required for 1.5 hours per day (7.5hours/week), term time only. As Breakfast Club leader (SCH239) on Grade D, s/he would earn £8.15 an hour. The full on-costs of the daily session would be £14.65, with the full annual on-costs from 1 January to 31 December 2011 being £3262.

Long term sustainability

The attached spreadsheet shows the daily taking for the period January to July 2010. The average taken is £14.78 but this does not include the costs of the ingredients. This suggests net daily takings of, say, £12.

There also needs to be a Breakfast Club Supporter (SCH282) on Grade B. S/he would start on £6.63 per hour. At 1.5 hours per day, the full daily on costs will be £11.91. These costs can therefore be met from the daily takings.

The costs of the Breakfast Club leader cannot currently be paid from the daily takings. Therefore the business will have to grow over the period of the next year in order to become financially self sustaining.

With the daily costs of some £30 (Leader £14.65, Supporter £11.91 & ingredients £ 3.00), we need to more than double the daily takings. This is the challenge over the period of the next year: hence our request for financial support of £3262 for one year only, following the unilateral decision by Youth Services to close its breakfast clubs.

Carol Grant Headteacher 25 October 2010