



January 30, 2007

## **FAMILY CONSUMER SCIENCE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

The Tensas Parish Family & Consumer Sciences Advisory council met Friday, January 26, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in the Tensas Community Center meeting room for their annual advisory meeting.

Kayla Sevier, Tensas Parish Associate Extension Agent, called the meeting to order. Members present were: Ginger Boutwell, Patricia Ricard, Doris Pollard, Berteal Rogers, Thelma Bradford, James Hendrix, Bobby Wilkerson.

Members identified the greatest needs in Tensas Parish as:

- 1.) After School and Summer activities for youth
- 2.) Character Counts
- 3.) Parental Involvement
- 4.) Lack of art and music teaching for students
- 5.) Childhood Obesity

**After School and Summer activities:** Thelma Bradford has begun a fund raiser for the elementary students at Tensas Elementary to help pay their cost of attending 4-H Summer Camp. Mrs. Bradford also suggested trying to get volunteers and sponsors to help with a 4-H Bicycle Rodeo and Babysitting workshop that could be held during the summer or after school.

**Character Counts:** Character Counts (the 6 pillars of character) is being taught by Mrs. Kayla Sevier at all Tensas Parish elementary schools. She is also teaching 2 lessons per month in After School programs in St. Joseph and Newellton schools. All students and parents will be given the opportunity to see a play on the six pillars of character in April and they will each receive certificates for attending the classes.

**Parental Involvement:** Adult Learning in Tensas Parish distributed a pamphlet on Family Resource Management Classes that were available. The classes include: Debt Reduction/Credit Management; Family Financial Management; Financial Security in Later Life.

Parental classes are being taught 3 hours per day (6 classes total) every Thursday and Friday by Mrs. Berteal Rogers. She has completed Parenting and Life Skills classes at the Newellton Detention Center.

Day Care Center and Head Start have completed Child Care training classes taught by Mrs. Berteal Rogers.

Lack of Art and Music for students: Miss Doris Pollard reported to the members the lack of art and music teaching opportunities for students. She suggested having the activities for the students on Saturdays. A committee consisting of Miss Pollard, Mrs. Bradford and Mrs. Sevier will meet February 16, 2007 to plan future musical and art events.

Childhood Obesity: It was announced by the members that the Tensas Parish school system is helping to fight obesity in children by no longer serving and soft drinks to their students during breaks and lunchtime. Childhood Obesity is being taught in school 4-H elementary club meetings.

In closing Mrs. Kayla Sevier reported her accomplishments last year on top agenda items. The members were thanked for their suggestion and encouraged to inform agents anytime during the year when they see a need that needs to be addressed in the parish. The meeting was adjourned.