4-H Youth Development
Advisory Leadership Council Meeting Minutes

The 4-H Youth Development Advisory Leadership Council (ALC) meeting was held Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at 4 p.m. at the 4-H office.

Five were in attendance including the following AgCenter employees: Regional 4-H Coordinator Terri Crawford, Assistant Extension Agent Lekeisha Lucas-Powell (4-H) and Administrative Coordinator Sherry Smith.

Lekeisha Lucas-Powell opened the meeting with a welcome. She stated how happy she was that everyone decided to attend. She gave a brief description of the Roles and Responsibilities of Members – by signing the form the attendees will be pledging to serve on the committee for two years and their signature gives us permission to post their name on our Web page.

Introductions were made.

Terri Crawford facilitated the meeting. She gave an explanation as to why we hold advisory council meetings. This board is a 4-H leadership council that each parish has to have. She then discussed the mission of the LSU AgCenter and Extension. As discussion ensues keep in mind an educational component. We are seeking stakeholder input. Those who were invited to this meeting were chosen because of their leadership role in the community, because they are respected in the role they hold in the community, because of their expertise in certain areas and because they are connected to the community. At any time, you can call Lekeisha to suggest an issue you might see that 4-H can tackle. We want to prioritize and come up with a few issues that Lekeisha can focus on for the next year. We look to you for suggestions of volunteers for various areas in 4-H. Local (Police Jury and School Board) and state funds, as well as an ad valorem tax, are used to operate the East Carroll Extension office.

We are here to help Lekeisha figure out what issues are facing youth that the AgCenter can address through educational programs. Write down any issues you can think of and we will prioritize what Lekeisha needs to focus on for the next school year.

Named issues:
1. Healthy eating
2. Exposure to different (new) styles, cultures, cuisines
3. Exercise
4. Gardening
5. Where food comes from: plants & animals
6. Care of animals
7. Money management
8. Career preparation (work readiness)
9. Leadership opportunities
10. Collaboration skills (teams)
11. Creativity skills
12. Caring for younger siblings
13. Technology Safety
14. Literacy
15. Organization skills (planning)
16. Character education

Change healthy eating to healthy living to encompass exposure to different styles, cultures, cuisines; gardening; and where food comes from. Change leadership opportunities to leadership development to encompass career preparation, collaboration skills, creativity skills and organizational skills.

Try to weave money management and literacy into other issues throughout the year.

Change care of animals to animal care and welfare.

Revised issues:
1. Healthy living – received 8 votes
2. Leadership development – received 6 votes
3. Animal care and welfare – received 0 votes
4. Caring for younger siblings – received 3 votes
5. Technology safety – received 5 votes
6. Character education – received 6 votes

Lekeisha’s main focus for the upcoming school year will be Healthy Living followed by Leadership Development and Character Education.

Mrs. Lucas-Powell thanked everyone for participating in the meeting and donating their time. She stated the topics are great and she is very excited about implementing them in her program.

Mrs. Crawford then mentioned to everyone that if they are willing to volunteer to help Lekeisha with any of the issues to write their name beside them.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Lekeisha Lucas-Powell
Assistant Extension Agent
4-H Youth