

Minutes of TED Committee Meeting  
Adams Christian School  
March 18, 2017

1. The meeting began at 7:45 am. Members present: Joel Langerak (president), Phil VanBaren (via conference call), Nate VanOverloop, Pete Adams, Mike VanderVeen (via conference call), and Rick Mingerink. Bob Cammenga was absent with notice.
2. Joel Langerak reads from Isaiah 12 and opens with prayer.
3. The minutes of the January 14, 2017 meeting were approved as read.
4. The committee discussed the recent Standard Bearer article by Professor Dykstra where he laid out his proposal on what a teacher training program could look like. The committee expressed concern over the direction of the proposal he laid out. The following concerns were brought up:
  - a. it would require prospective teachers to go to a college in West Michigan for their teacher training. This would require prospective teachers from all over the country to leave their homes and travel and live in West Michigan.
  - b. It would potentially require higher tuition costs since prospective teachers would have to pay the higher tuition charged at a Christian college.
  - c. With Prof. Dykstra putting forth his proposal in the Standard Bearer, our concern is that we will have two teacher training proposals being pursued at the same time. This could potentially undermine the cause because they may be competing for support and resources. It could also cause confusion in the public realm.
5. Rick Noorman entered the meeting at 8:15 to discuss TTC matters.
6. A motion was made and supported to ask the following men to serve on the TTC: Joel Langerak (Grand Rapids), Nathan Vis (Indiana), and Brendan Looyenga (Grand Rapids) with Duane Huisken (Redlands) as first alternate and Curt Gritters as second alternate. Motion carries.
7. A motion was made and supported to ask Kyle Bruinooge (CCHS) to serve as teacher representative on the TTC with Jim Regnerus (Trinity) serving as first alternate and Dave Harbach serving as second alternate. Motion carries.
8. Rick Noorman will communicate with the individuals listed in article 6 and 7 above.
9. Prof Dykstra visited the meeting at 9:30a to discuss the three matters below:
  - a. Is the History and Principles course doing what we want it to do? Prof. gave reasons changing the course syllabus from when Jon Huisken taught it. Discussed need for feedback. The committee informed Prof. Dykstra that they think feedback is important and will be working on developing a survey that can be given to course participants.
  - b. Discussed Prof.'s SB editorial concerning his teacher training proposal. Prof. encouraged the committee to consider his plan. He gave his reasons for why it would be superior to an online (or more portable) format. Prof. stated that if we were not capable or willing to carry out his proposal, he would likely pursue a different means to carry out his plan.

- c. Prof. said it would have been helpful if the committee had discussed with him first the matter of changing a class date due to a conflict with Prayer Day. The committee reaffirmed the importance of appropriate communication between the TED and our course instructor, Prof. Dykstra.
10. The president thanked Prof. Dykstra for asking to attend the meeting. Prof. Dykstra left the meeting at 10:40.
11. The committee and Rick Noorman discussed the meeting with Prof. Dykstra.
12. The president thanked Rick Noorman for attending our meeting. Rick Noorman left the meeting at 11:00.
13. Rick Mingerink informed the committee that there wasn't a need to hold a delegate meeting this spring. The committee agreed. Rick Mingerink will write a newsletter to be sent to member schools informing them of the work of the Federation over the last half year.
14. The next TED committee meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 22, 2017.
15. Motion to adjourn. Motion carries.
16. Rick Mingerink closes in prayer.