Notes from the Teacher Development Special Interest Group (TD SIG) Meeting
ACTFL Convention – Boston
11/19/16 – 4:00-5:00pm Boston Convention Center Room 261

4:00  Pam Wesely (SIG Chair) convenes the Teacher Development Special Interest Group (TD SIG) Meeting

4:03  Introduction of new and recently elected officers
- SIG officers elected and beginning their SIG duties in January
  - Lou Tolosa-Casadont (elected as Chair)
  - Jason Martel (elected as Secretary)
  - Pam Wesely (will become Past Chair)
  - Sarah Jourdain (will continue as Vice Chair)

4:05  Recognition of officers exiting the Teacher Development Interest Group (TD SIG). Pam Wesely (SIG Chair) thanked and recognized with a plaque two officers leaving the Teacher Development SIG leadership team.
  - Sue Hildebrandt (former Past Chair)
  - Martha Castaneda (former Secretary)

4:10  Pam Wesely presented the new initiatives for SIGs from ACTFL that include and are not limited to:
  - Encouraged members to submit proposals to the TD SIG
  - There is a need for videos and articles to post on TD SIG and Pam asked the audience to submit suggestions
  - There is a new to post on TD SIG community once a month
  - There is a need for articles for two newsletters and Pam asked the audience to submit articles
  - The SIG is charged with organizing Webinars and Pam asked the audience to submit suggestions
  - The SIG is charged with reviewing ACTFL proposals. Pam invited one non-member to review the proposals. An invitation will be sent out through the ACTFL community

4:13  Audience members chimed in with ideas for good sessions and Webinar next year
  - One member suggested attrition and accreditation as possible topics.
  - Another member suggested discussing the pressure from CAEP to talk about what programs are doing to recruit
  - Another member suggested a session or webinar on how successful programs are run. Members want to see models of programs that are working well.
  - Another member echoed the idea to explore of how we can encounter attrition in Teacher Development – both at the macro and micro
  - Another member suggested the core practices for teacher educators
  - Another member proposed discussing Teacher preparation and heritage learners – preparing teachers to teach heritage learners
  - Another member asked for webinars and sessions dealing with technology integration

4:24  Pam Wesely introduced session speaker Sarah Jourdain who currently serves as the TD SIG secretary but her proposal was selected through a blind review process.
Sarah began her presentation titled “Focused Field Experience” and discussed “The comment, "I'm not seeing in the field what you're teaching us" still occurs too often in Methods courses. To address this mismatch, two new model templates for pre-service field experiences will be proposed, then evaluated and used by participants to create comparative observations of high-leverage, best practices.”

Sarah finished her presentation and Pam invited everyone to enjoy the refreshments and food while networking with others in the field with similar interests and issues.