ACTEM 2021 Conference Report

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At this point in time, the 2021 ACTEM Conference Committee is planning on an in-person Conference knowing that we will be able to change to a virtual platform if necessary. Call for proposals will be open in April and run through June 2021. By this time we may know more definitively whether we will be live and an in-person conference. We know that all committee members are returning to their active roles on the committee. Thank you to this important committee.

The ACTEM conference committee has secured Michael Matera as one of the keynotes for the fall conference. Mr. Matera (https://www.mrmatera.com/) presented in Fall of 2020. He was well-received as his passion is instilling the love of learning in others as well as a focus on gamifying the content and curriculum either while teaching in person or remotely! We are pleased he will be returning to Maine to inspire us all.

At this point our second Keynote still unknown. More information to come!

The Committee will open the Call for Proposals in April and run through June 30, 2021. The proposals will be reviewed beginning July 6, 2021, and presenters will be notified by July 31, 2021.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal, we have requests from conference attendees from last October when we held our virtual conference. Also, if you are thinking of sharing ideas that are working well for you please don't limit yourself to this list. Workshop proposals can be submitted by an individual or a group. The conference fee is waived for 2 people per workshop submitted and accepted.

- Best of the Best session- sharing what is working for you and your top 10 items
- Grade level and content level sessions
- Ideas for remote learning- some schools are using remote learning for Snow Days and Pandemic learning
- Online game resources-what works best for you and your students
- Round tables topics and issues
- Science-online labs and science data resources
- Different ways to use Wakelet
- WeVideo tutorials
- Kindergarten and ipads