



GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

DATE OF MEETING: May 11, 2021

TITLE: Recognition of Odyssey of the Mind Teams

BACKGROUND:

Amphitheater Public Schools continues to be the top district in participation and achievement in the Arizona Odyssey of the Mind program. Odyssey of the Mind is an international competition that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college.

Team members apply their creativity to solve long-term problems involving building mechanical devices, building balsa wood structures designed to hold hundreds of pounds, building vehicles that are used to complete tasks, presenting a theatrical performance solving a dilemma, or presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. In addition, teams are scored on “style,” or, the creative way in which they present their solutions.

This year, seven teams earned the right to compete during World Finals being held virtually through May 29, 2021 and in-person on June 11, 2021 and June 12, 2021 in Orlando. The following students and their coaches are to be commended for their dedication and high level of accomplishment in this academic competition.

School: Harelson Elementary School
Problem 2: Technical Division 1 (First Place)
Coach: Robyn Yewell
Team Members:

Jaxyn DeCastro
Vivienne Yewell
Emmy Sieminski
Ava Brown
Rilynn Brown
Bijou Linn
Ben Petersen

School: Harelson Elementary School
Problem 4: Structure Division 1 (First Place)
Coach: Robyn Yewell
Team members:

Bryson Neese
Vivienne Yewell
Emmy Sieminski
Parker Paterson
Ben Petersen
Alena Roach
Daniel Moreno

School: Canyon del Oro High School
Problem 3: Classics Division 3 (First Place)
Coach: Cymry and Bill DeBoucher
Team Members:

Amelia Gephart
Carter Hollings
Dylan Kmiec
Josephine Neumann
Shanon Tran
Laurel Beauchamp
Caden Beauchamp

School: Cross Middle School
Problem 4: Structure Division 2 (First Place)
Coach: Robyn Yewell and Leann Calvin
Team members:

Lewis Calvin
Gavin Yewell
Penny Richards
Carter DaDeppo
Lizzy Loehr
Sarah Campion

School: Wilson K-8 School
Problem 4: Stucture Division 2 (Second Place)
Coaches: Patricia Howland
Team members:
Mathew Cirelli
Eden Coleman
Madison Durazo
Andrew Garza
Tatianna Gray
Morgan Heise
Kayin Lewis

School: Canyon del Oro High School
Problem 5: Performance Division 3 (First Place)
Coaches: Amy Boynton and Steve Merritt
Team members:
KK Boynton
Fiona Merritt
Kaylynn Calvin
Olivia Keating
Micaela Wu

School: Canyon del Oro High School (Team B)
Problem 5: Leonardo's Workshop (Second Place)
Coaches: Jenny and Haley Basye
Team members:
Nikki Basye
Aaron Trinh
Gabe Thapa
Sophia Smith
Makenna Webster
Alex Imrich

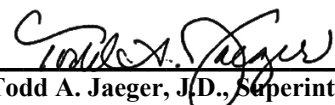
RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for the Governing Board's information and recognition.

INITIATED BY:


Michelle Valenzuela, Communications Director

Date: May 3, 2021


Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent