



**GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10**

DATE OF MEETING: **May 3, 2016**

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 one (or more) of five 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. Finally, each team must participate in a spontaneous problem at the competition that is “top secret” until after the end of the day. This portion of the competition prepares students for what we all face in real life, unexpected problems that require teamwork, given limited resources.

This year, a total of eight teams (one team that solved, competed, and placed in two problems) will all compete during World Finals May 25-28, 2016 at Iowa State University. The following students and their coaches are to be commended for their dedication and high level of accomplishment in this academic competition.

School: Canyon del Oro High School

Problem: Classics Team – Aesop’s Fables Division III (Classics)

Student Names:

Kayla Cordero
Jade D’Auteuil
Robert DeBoucher
Maxim Leone
Sarah Sheldon
Cade Walsh

Coaches:

Cymry DeBoucher
Kitt Leonard

School: Canyon del Oro High School

Problem: Technical Team - Something Fishy Division III (Device)

Student Names:

Thomas Gaston
Giang Nguyen
Jason Ronstadt
Micah Secrest
Dean Selegue
Garrison Synnestvedt

Coaches:

Amy Selegue
Joeli Secrest

School: Coronado K-8

Problem: Furs, Fins, Feathers and Friends, Division II (Theatrical)

Student Names:

Reagan Blanchard

Olivia Callaghan

Adrian Corey

Maya Horner

Jackson Huffman

Riley Mix

Cierra Stamps

Coaches:

Jennifer Pike

Steve Huffman

School: Cross Middle School

Problem: Stack Attack! Division II (Structure)

Student Names:

Quinlan Benavidez

Kaylynn Calvin

Addison DaDeppo

Hannah Eblen

Luke Ferre

Josh Jaeger

Coaches:

Lisa DaDeppo

Leann Calvin

Leslie Ferre

Ironwood Ridge High School

Problem: Furs, Fins, Feathers and Friends, Division III (Theatrical)

Student Names:

Jenna Campbell

Leela Horner

Kiara Lane

Odessa Mix

Emily Sherman

Dylan Stucki

Alyx Weinell

Coach: Donna Campbell

School: Mesa Verde Elementary

Problem: Stack Attack! Division I (Structure)

Student Names:

Nick Martinez

Conner Mikles

Garrett Mikles

Austin McGhee

Kevin Oldaker

Coach: Jen Martinez

School: Painted Sky Elementary

Problem: Something Fishy Division I (Device)

Student Names:

Allee Noble
Alison Randall
Sarah Seifried
Finley Korn
Connor Ford
Cason Collins
Parker Young

Coaches: Brianne Ronnie

Toby Ford
Rebecca Ford

School: Prince Elementary School

Problems: *(This Prince Elementary team solved, competed, and qualified in TWO problems.)*

Aesop Gone Viral Division I (Classics)

Stack Attack! Division I (Structure)

Student Names:

Eneri Barraza
Alejandro Calderon
Khalia Crocker
Lesly Maria Hernandez
Karma Royal
Jazmyn Schrader
Lucas Wowui

Coaches:

Sabina Prijic
Kristin Prinz
Leigh Kechely

RECOMMENDATION:

This is presented for the Board's information and recognition.

INITIATED BY:



Dr. Roseanne Lopez, Chief Academic Officer Elementary Education

Date: April 25, 2016



Patrick Nelson, Superintendent