

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #110 (2008-2009)

October 27, 2008

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ONE PERCENT FOR ART SELECTION OF ARTWORK FOR
DIMOND HIGH SCHOOL AND CLARK MIDDLE SCHOOL
RENEWAL

ASD Goal: Establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by providing safe, caring, barrier-free schools. Ensure public accountability through effective consultation with community to ensure wise use of financial resources and responsible construction and maintenance of facilities, and effective communication with students, staff, parents, community and government at all levels.

PERTINENT FACTS:

This memorandum is to inform the Anchorage School Board that an additional piece of artwork has been selected for Dimond High School, and new artwork selections have been made for Clark Middle School for commission and acquisition in accordance with AMC 7.40, Funds for Works of Art in Public Facilities.

Dimond High School

Artist: Sheila Wyne, Anchorage, AK

Location: Exterior grass area in front of school

Artwork
Title: Big Game

Description: Three stilt walkers 12' off the ground, dressed as a Lynx, King Eider and a Caribou walking across the lawn in front of Dimond High School. Covered with a glass tile and mixed media.

Budget: \$150,000

Account
Code 82032-5430

Representing the Anchorage School District for Dimond High School is Principal Cheryl Guyett, serving on the jury along with the architect of the project, Jim Huettl, from USKH. Other members include Connie Ozer representing the Arts Advisory Commission, and Robin Smith representing the Urban Design Commission. Also serving on the jury is artist and Dimond teacher Les Matz, and Carol Bryner, a community member and professional artist. Becky Voris is also on the committee representing the community.

An advertised public hearing occurred on Wednesday, September 10 during Back to School night and many parents and students talked about the artwork. All comments were positive. The Fire Marshal and ASD Risk Manager have reviewed the proposed artwork and their comments will be included in the artist's contract.

Clark Middle School Renewal

Artist: Cliff Garten, Venice, CA
Location: Exterior plaza in landscaped area
Artwork Title: Falcon, Making Learning Soar
Description: Large bronze falcon five feet in length perched on a large stainless steel cylinder at a height determined by the artist and the ASD Risk Manager.
Budget: \$125,000
Account Code 71101-5430

Artist: Roberto Delgado, Los Angeles, CA
Location: Team area walls
Artwork Title: Untitled at this time
Description: Murals painted on acrylic polymer PfifferGard fiberglass mesh substrate. The artist will travel to Anchorage, talk and work with students from feeder schools about what they want to see on the walls and in their school. Photos taken with artists will be transferred to the medium and installed in each team area to give the school a cohesive feeling.
Budget: \$200,000
Account Code 71101-5430

Artist: Walter Kravitz, Washington, DC
Location: High wall in student entrance
Artwork Title: Untitled at this time
Description: Series of images painted on clear polycarbonate coated with a clear varnish for UV Protection and dust repellent.
Budget: \$25,000
Account Code 71101-5430

Representing the Anchorage School District for Clark Middle School Renewal is Principal Cessilye Williams, serving on the jury, along with the architect of the project, John Weir from McCool Carlson Green Architects. Other members include Bob Curtis-Johnson representing the Arts Advisory Commission; Joann Mitchell representing the Urban Design Commission; James Dougherty representing the community and the Public Art Committee. Also serving on the jury is artist and East High School Counselor Vonnie Gaither, along with Fa'aana Tosi and her daughter Anastasia Tosi, community members.

In accordance with the 1% for Art ordinance, the Commission may file an objection to this selection with the Public Art Committee by November 10, 2008 based upon technical reasons of safety or maintenance. Both the ASD Risk Manager and the MOA Fire Marshall have reviewed these selections and their comments will be included in the Artists' contracts.

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