

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #163 (2000-2001)

January 8, 2001

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: THE DIMOND HIGH REPLACEMENT SCHOOL ONE PERCENT
FOR ART

PERTINENT FACTS:

Chapter 7.40 of the Anchorage Municipal Code defines the process for selection and acquisition of art to be displayed in public places, including public school buildings. This code authorizes the Municipality to select the artist and the artwork, with a review of the proposed artwork by the School District only as to its safety and maintenance factors. ASD Risk Management has reviewed the artwork and has expressed no objections.

The Jury established for the Dimond High Replacement School has chosen the artists to create the artwork for the school. The artwork consists of the following:

Artist: Thomas Holzer, Taoz, New Mexico
Location: Front and back entrance windows
Artwork: Untitled at this time
Description: Two sections of fused, slumped glass measuring 2' 10" high by 24' 4" wide in sixteen panes of glass. The contractors will install the glasswork during the construction of the school.
Budget: \$60,000

Artist: Jane Kaufman, New York, New York
Location: Interior library suspended sculpture
Artwork: Untitled at this time

Description: Suspended 10-12 feet from the ceiling, approximately 12' wide by 12' oval shaped suspended Austrian crystal glass pieces and mirrors creating an underwater environment with thousands of pieces each reflecting and refracting the light. The piece will interact with the whale skeleton, which will be re-installed in the library/IMC. It will be coated with anti-static and anti-dust coating.

Budget: \$45,000

Artist: John Pugh, Los Gatos, CA

Location: Two murals on the commons walls

Artwork: Untitled

Description: Two 8' high x 38' wide trompe l'oeil murals depicting drapery being drawn and depicting a double helix in one painting and a set of Greek columns in the second mural. The paintings will have a sense of depth and relief to them. They will be mounted flush with the acoustic tile over the entrance to the auditoria and the gymnasium.

Budget: \$50,000

An advertised public hearing occurred on November 8, 2000 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. at Dimond High School in conjunction with Parent/Teacher conferences. Parents, students and staff enthusiastically received all the artwork. In accordance with the 1% for Art ordinance, the School Board may file an objection to this selection with the Public Art Committee by January 9, 2001 based upon technical reasons of safety or maintenance.

The Dimond High Replacement School Art Selection Jury members include: Jim Huetl from USKH Architects; Marianne Beckham, Arts Advisory Commission; Brian Davies, Historical and Fine Arts Commission; Robin Smith, Urban Design Commission; Les Matz, an artist and the art teacher at the school; Principal Guy Okada; Jim Tilly, a graphic artist and designer and PTA member, and artist Becky Voris, a community member along with Carol Bryner, an artist representing the Public Art Committee. Kathleen Vermaat, ASD Project Manager, has also attended the meetings.

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