

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #31 (2003-2004)

August 25, 2003

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: PTARMIGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITIONS AND
RENOVATIONS - 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. The artwork has been reviewed and approved by the District's Risk Management Department and Anchorage Fire Department. The artist has agreed to their safety recommendations, which will be addressed in the artist's contract.

The Jury established for the Ptarmigan Elementary School Project has chosen an artist to create artwork for the school. The artwork consists of the following:

Artist:	Don Varnell, Ketchikan, AK
Location:	Exterior area flanking sidewalk
Artwork:	Untitled at this time
Description:	Two eight feet high painted cedar totem poles representing the girls and boys attending the school
Budget:	\$40,000.00
Account Code	32826-5430

The Ptarmigan Art Selection Jury members include: Phyllis Hubbard, Principal of Ptarmigan Elementary School; Shoko Takahashi, Ptarmigan art teacher; Tim Weingartner, representing Porath Tatom Architects, the architect of the project; Historical and Fine Arts Commission member Pat Partnow; Arts Advisory Commission representative Steve and his daughter, Erin Pratt, an ASD student;

Urban Design Commission member James Dougherty; Community Member and professional artist, Amanda Saxton; and PTA member and parent, Patti Paiz.

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