

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #248 (2004-2005)

April 11, 2005

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: EAGLE RIVER HIGH 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 artists 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, Operations, Maintenance and Facilities Departments and the Anchorage Fire Department. The artists have agreed to their safety recommendations, which will be addressed in the artists' contracts.

The Jury established for the Eagle River High School Project has chosen artists to create artwork for the school. The artwork consists of the following:

Eagle River High School

Artist: Susie Bevins-Ericsen; Anchorage, AK
Title: Untitled at this time
Location: Exterior Sculpture
Description: Constructed of heavy aluminum plate rising from the plaza, 18' high and 24' wide. The piece echoes a mountain range, trees and a river.
Budget: \$125,000
Account Code: 86506-5430

Artist: Juan and Patricia Navarrete; Taos, NM
Title: Untitled at this time
Location: Suspended library sculpture
Description: 15' high, 30' wide and 30' deep aluminum and dichroic glass create a highly reflective surface that twists and turns.
Budget: \$80,000
Account Code: 86506-5430

Artist: Connie Engelbrecht; Eagle River, AK
Title: *Uplands and Riverbed*
Location: Commons wall artwork
Description: Approximately 8' high and 48' wide ceramic tile mural echoes the natural environment of Eagle River. The piece echoes a mountain range, trees and a river. There have been discussions about skateboarding destruction and climbability concerns that will be addressed in the contract. The piece will be mounted on fire treated plywood and attached to the wall in sections.
Budget: \$80,000
Account Code: 86506-5430

These selections were reviewed and discussed by the Anchorage School District Risk and Safety Manager, Mike Klawitter, on January 14 and again on February 11, 2005 and by the Fire Inspector John Peck on February 25, 2005. Safety and maintenance concerns will be addressed in the artists' contracts.

Eagle River High School principal Natalie Burnett serves on the jury along with the architect of the project Howard Patch, USKH; Barbara Cash, representing the Arts Advisory Commission; Esther Cox, representing the Historical and Fine Arts Commission; Bill Puckett, representing the Urban Design Commission; Lucy Zercher, a community member and professional artist; Chris Standley, also a community member and professional artist; and Ingrid Eng, a student representative.

In accordance with the 1% for Art ordinance, the Board may file an objection to this selection with the Public Art Committee by April 13, 2005.

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