

SD8 Administrative Offices at Central 2018-2019 Renovation Specifications & Rationale

Background

For the 2018-2019 year, the Board undertook a staged move to relocate classrooms and departments at the Central School building, as well as an extensive renovation of the building. This initiative was intended to create long-term spaces in the Central building for both Wildflower School and the District's administrative offices, and to reduce the overall footprint of facilities in Nelson.

It was Wildflower School's preference to use the main level of the building and requested exclusive use of that level, which was granted. Previously, Wildflower had most of its classroom spaces in the 2nd Level of the building. The District administrative offices that had occupied most of the main level for a decade moved out of that level, and it was renovated to create classrooms. Wildflower moved into its new classrooms beginning September 2018. During the following year, the 2nd level was renovated into office space for District administration.

Renovation Specifications

The specifications for the renovation of the District's administrative offices on the 2nd Level are the same specifications used for all classroom and school spaces District-wide.

The renovation work was completed by District maintenance staff, and was completed as follows:

- Flooring is either vinyl floors or carpet tiles
- Baseboard trim is rubber 4" or 6"
- Office doors were recycled from the former board office (one new door was required)
- Ceiling Tiles were repainted instead of replaced. Some were broken, so new tiles were put in Board room.
- Most light fixtures were already in place, with new fixtures in staffroom, washroom and board room only. All existing fixtures were retrofitted with low T8 ballasts and tubes. There are no "chandeliers". The new fixtures are low-cost, environmentally friendly LEDs.
- All mechanical systems, including heat systems and HVAC are the same original, repaired systems, used throughout the building.
- Nearly all desks were recycled and repurposed using desks from the old board office, with a couple of office desks and staffroom furniture/cabinets purchased.
- All meeting tables, desk chairs and other chairs are from the old board office
- Some asbestos abatement was undertaken.
- All art on walls are photos of all of SD8's wonderful schools

Rationale

Compared with keeping administrative offices on Johnstone Road or renting additional space, the Board is saving hundreds of thousands of dollars each year in lower rent or maintenance costs, which the Board is investing back into educational services throughout the District.

As part of the staged move and renovation, Elev8 DESK moved to offices at LV Rogers and Hume campuses, where they are integrated with other staff and school communities with the same grade levels as the students they serve through distance learning.

The technology department moved to a space on the upper level, and the international program remained in the building throughout the renovation. Following the renovation of the 2nd level, the international department and other district departments from the Johnstone Road building were moved into and consolidated into the 2nd floor of the building.

The following table shows the usage of Central building before and after the staged move and renovation:

Occupant	Classroom Spaces Before Renovation 2010-2018*	Classroom Spaces After Renovation 2018-Present
REACH School	1	1
Wildflower School	5 to 6	7
District Administration (Incl. DESK, IT, International)	5	6
Common Areas/Unoccupied	2 to 3	-
TOTAL	14	14

The Board was able to sell the former board office property on Johnstone Road, freeing up capital, which the Board is also using to reinvest in facilities District-wide.

At the same time, there remains more than enough capacity in the Nelson Family of Schools to provide excellent learning environments for all current and forecast students.