

Elementary Comprehensive Study – Feedback

I received the email today informing us of the idea of closing Meeme and combining it with Zielanis. I am new to the area, and don't feel I have much to contribute to the history of the individual schools, I do feel there is a lot to consider in a declining economy and adjustments need to be made. My main concern is the education of the children, and reducing costs may have a negative impact on them. So, how can reducing the cost be accomplished without sacrificing our children's education? Looking at how to save money should not be the first question we answer, but how can we accommodate or combine the two schools and give a valuable education to the children. After that has been determined, then look at the cost and make adjustments from there. Please keep in mind that I am new to the area, and all these items may have already been determined. One thing I did not see (which may merely be an oversight on my part) is the cost of keeping up the Meeme school? The other question I would need answered is, how much staff is at each place and compare the income to each other. If you have a lot of staff accommodating 86 students and paying them well, but you're limited at Zielanis with 431 (just a scenario), that would be an issue.

In reviewing the different scenario maps if the schools were combined, I am obviously concerned if the number of students rises to more than 20 per class. I feel the students would lack the attention they need if their teacher is stretched too thin to pick up on areas the student may be struggling, or merely lack the time to address them. What would be the staffing issue if the two schools were combined? Would we increase staff at Zielanis to accommodate another 85-100 students, yet reducing staff overall secondary to closing one of the schools? Or, is the intention to keep staffing the same at Zielanis and eliminating the number of staff from Meeme altogether? Having that information, I feel, would be beneficial in making a better decision. If combining the two schools would require some additions to be placed at Zielanis, would the cost of that supercede the cost of keeping Meeme open? Would it benefit combining the schools, keeping the number of teachers you have now at Zielanis, and have a teacher's aide for each classroom? There you would have the extra staff to accommodate the number of students at a lower cost than hiring any more teachers, and therefore raise the student/teacher ratio to 22-25 per class. (Just a thought)

If the boards can tell me that my child will get the same time and attention from her teacher as she does now with combining the two schools, yet keeping the number of students between 20-22 per class than I will be alright with it. But if the class is going to be overwhelmed with students/teacher ratio without continuous assistance, I feel it will not give the students the proper education we all strive for when it comes to our children.

Kimberly Michaud
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Thank you for sharing your questions and concerns. You raise very relevant and important points which we, too, weigh heavily into our deliberations. I believe most, if not all, your questions have been reviewed and discussed over the course of the comprehensive study. The executive summary contains most of the detail regarding class sizes, current/projected costs, and classroom/staffing options. The budget reductions document also outlines all the effort throughout the past twelve years to reduce expenditures in the district. Our primary focus has been and continues to be providing the best possible opportunities for our students. Certainly, the current review of our elementary programming occurs after years of other reductions--all of which purposed to make the least impact as possible on students while navigating significant economic changes.

We continue to carefully consider the options and suggestions as we seek to make the best decision to provide our students an excellent education. Thank you for emphasizing your concerns to provide a

valuable education first and reduce costs second. I am forwarding your email and my reply for inclusion in our October 30, 2013 Board meeting discussion.

My husband & I received the email titled "board letter" that was asking to hear from parents regarding the Elementary Comprehensive Study. We have read through it multiple times and have been reading through the articles in the paper too. The only thing we seem certain on is that the board definitely has a tough decision to make for the future of our schools.

We currently have a child in Kindergarten at Zielanis. We have 2 older children at the Middle School level who have also spent 5 years at Zielanis and we have a toddler at home that will one day start school at Zielanis Elementary. We started our kids in the Kiel School District through school choice. We currently live in New Holstein School District, but we are building a home in the Kiel School District. Our original reason for choosing the open enrollment was because our children attended daycare full time at Chatterbox. New Holstein did not have a full time daycare comparable to one such as Chatterbox. We needed a school that our children could bus too. Perhaps there may be other parents who attend Kiel through open enrollment for the same reason. Belonging to the Kiel School District over the past 7 years we have become huge fans of Zielanis because we feel Chad Ramminger does a stupendous job as principal and we feel that currently the school is fortunate to have teachers who truly want to be there with the students. It's a wonderful school.

We would love to say that one of the scenarios in the study stand out to us as the definite choice to go with, but we can't. With any scenario there will be upset parents. Clearly the board will not be able to please everyone or accommodate everyone. There is, however, one scenario we do not see as a good fit for many parents. We feel that using Meeme as a early learning center to house 4K & Kindergarten and have Zielanis be for Grades 1 - 4 is just not a realistic option for parents such as us and many others that we see driving between 2 or 3 different schools to pick their children up. Currently a parent can pick up at the Elementary school and then head to the Middle school in a matter of minutes. It is not feasible for a parent to head out to Meeme and get back to Kiel to pick up and drop children off who are not on a bus route in a timely manner. Children would need to be "hanging out" after school as they wait for their parents.

We understand that there needs to be budget cuts and we hear a lot about the declining enrollment. As we looked over the facts and graphs we did not see a huge decline in enrollment. We were expecting a greater amount to be seen. It seems as though enrollment definitely fluctuates in certain years, but are we certain there is going to be a continual decline? If Meeme closes and everything moves to Zielanis, will there be a year in the future where we need that 2nd school back?

My husband & I do not know a lot about Charter Schools and what it takes to keep them functioning or what it is that parents see so appealing about the Charter school system. It appears as though the Charter schools is an option for parents who are looking for the advantages found at a private school. At a private school such as Divine Savior or Trinity Lutheran there is a tuition cost. Is there any additional cost to a parent to send there child to Meeme as a Charter School? Can there be a tuition fee for Meeme? Should there be? Or, is a Charter school solely state funded just as the public school is?

If the budget needs to be cut down drastically then we see the only way is to close Meeme and house everything at Zielanis. However, if the budget is just tinkering on being too tight then perhaps the board needs to revisit this on a year to year basis as enrollment either declines or inclines. If all grades and classes get moved to Zielanis the class sizes will go up, but looking at the projected bigger class size numbers did not seem entirely all that high either in comparison to larger schools in larger cities. The one concern we have with larger class sizes is keeping our current teachers happy and their class size compatible with what they can handle. Parents views and opinions on the Comprehensive Study is important, but our teachers input may be even more important. Our school is

successful because we have teachers who care right now. If we lose our teachers drive to succeed we will lose what makes Zielanis the great school that it is.

Sincerely,
Barry & Mandy Kraemer

Thank you so very much for sharing your thoughts. You raise very relevant and important points which we, too, weigh heavily into our deliberations. We certainly desire to continue our efforts to support our great schools in which class sizes are at an optimum level to facilitate student learning. As you know, this is no easy task and we appreciate your understanding of the dilemma while offering additional suggestions. We continue to carefully consider the options and suggestions as we seek to make the best decision to provide our students an excellent education. Thank you, again, for your perspectives; I am forwarding your email and my reply for inclusion in our October 30, 2013 Board meeting discussion.

How much more response do you want? You have lots of participation from the parents at school board meetings, governing board meetings, parades, input on the comprehensive study, spaghetti supper, etc

I am guessing you are looking for a smoking gun on what to do?

As we sit here without a 4th grade at Meeme – parents are not wanting to split up their elementary children between schools and have and will continue to transfer their children out of Meeme to attend Zielanis. It is now crystal clear, that was the plan the whole time.

The Kiel School District will not improve with this current Superintendent. I have been played too many times and nobody is willing to do anything about it.

Tim Wasmer

Thank you for sharing your thoughts. However, some, not all, parents from Meeme LEADS have shared their perspectives with the Board. As I expressed in the letter, some community members have communicated their thoughts to us, including that they desire more information and they desire assurances of the Board's willingness to hear and consider community input. We are concerned that many remain silent believing that the decision is a "done deal" and their thoughts will make no difference in the decision. Though you may choose to negatively respond to our efforts inviting and encouraging the participation of those who may not feel welcome to share their thoughts, we are choosing to openly consider community input without a predetermined outcome as you suggest.

We continue to carefully consider the options and suggestions as we seek to provide our students an excellent education. I am forwarding your email and my reply for inclusion in our October 30, 2013 Board meeting discussion.

I truly appreciate all the time that has been put into the study from Board & Administration.

I am writing this as a parent of two Meeme students. When my oldest, Logan started school, I chose to send him to Meeme for many reasons. I work just east of Howards Grove, so yes it is a bit closer so I can go to activities easier at school or just go have lunch with him. My parents live in Osman. It is convenient to have them right there available in case of emergency. I live two blocks from Zielanis. It is a nice option to be able to take them to Zielanis and they can ride bus to Meeme & bus back to Kiel if needed. Now that my youngest, Cooper is in 4K, it

is going to be hard for me if they both don't get to all the wonderful experiences at a small, unique atmosphere school. Logan has excelled at Meeme, I credit that to his teachers thus far, Ms. McCabe, Mrs. Born & now Mrs. Versch. It amazes me where his is at academically & continues to excel. To learn as they learn best, is so true.

I am an alumni of Meeme K-4. I wanted them to have that same experiences I had & close knit group of friends from grade school through high school. Yes, you meet new friends along the way, but it was nice having our core group now that I reflect back. Small class sizes were a plus, but now as I look at some of the scenarios put forth by Board & Administration, Logan is in a class of 19 at Meeme. That closely compares to some classes currently at Zielanis.

I understood the reasoning behind sending the fourth grade class & teacher to Zielanis this fall. One of my younger sisters was moved her fourth grade year & following year the fourth grade was back at Meeme. And yes, I can't justify one teacher to 10 students like was previously brought up at a Board Mtg. But on the other hand, I don't want to see class sizes in mid-high 20s. If they had to merge, I would probably understand eventually but want class sizes to be as small as possible.

I vowed I would be an active parent in my children's education/school. I joined the PTO when Logan was in 4K and have been an active member ever since. And have recently joined Governing Board as well. Personally, I don't want to feel like all my efforts to help keep Meeme sustainable for years to come a waste. Sadly, after last School Board Mtg I felt defeated. I have been coming for over 6 months to all mtgs & plan to continue. I would have started coming to them sooner had I known I could have. I admit I was one of those parents who didn't know they are open to public. This may be something we could also promote to new families.

Thank you again for what you & Board along with Administration are doing and continue to do for Kiel Area School District.

Sandra Tesch

Thank you for your candid response and your kindness in understanding our concerns. You raise very relevant and important points which we, too, weigh heavily into our deliberations. Our primary focus has been and continues to be providing the best possible opportunities for our students. Certainly, the current review of our elementary programming occurs after years of other reductions--all of which purposed to make the least impact as possible on students while navigating significant economic changes.

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As you know I have had a few children go to Meeme School.

I don't know if you were aware that I actually built a house less than two miles from Meeme just so that my children could attend there.

At that time it was not an open consideration to whether your children could go to either school.

You had to actually live in the correct range of it.

I actually drove one of my older son's to kindergarten every day while my house was being built.

At the time I was a full time engineer and still took the time to take him there every morning.

My children have been attending here for more than 20 years.

Of course my children are almost grown and have not attended here for some time, but I do have alot to say about this school.

I believe you sent your own children here as well.

I believe that the time and effort taken with these children means the world in their education. They each get the one on one time that they need on a daily basis. The quality of education that these children get is unmatched. I am sure that you as well as others see what comes out of this school. The children are not only well educated, but smart in many ways. They are responsible, sharing, dedicated to each other, caring, helpful, and just well rounded children.

As you may also know I have been working there for a year and a half. I wouldn't give it up for anything. Just seeing them everyday is an amazing thing to me. They would give anything just to help me. People have said to me many times that it must be nice for the children to be able to have me working in their school. I respond to them by telling them "no, its a priveledge for me to be able to work for them". It really is.

I believe that the quality education in this school is unmatched and is worth taking another look at.

Kim Rosal

Thank you for sharing the significant family decisions you made so that your children could all attend Meeme. We definitely agree that Meeme provides a quality education! Our primary focus has been and continues to be providing the best possible opportunities for our students. Certainly, the current review of our elementary programming occurs after years of other reductions--all of which purposed to make the least impact as possible on students while navigating significant economic changes.

We continue to carefully consider the options and suggestions as we seek to provide our students an excellent education. I am forwarding your email and my reply for inclusion in our October 30, 2013 Board meeting discussion.

Kathy Koehler here. I got Cynthia's letter and wanted to put my two cents in. How about a multi-categorical school, at risk students, gifted and talented students and (thinking out of the box) a place where home schooled families can congregate, teach their kids and have the opportunity to socialize their children?

Good Luck

Thank you for your thoughts, we very much value community input to help us with a difficult decision. Our greatest tasks are to provide excellent education to our students and to be as cost effective as we can. I am forwarding your email and my reply for inclusion in our October 30th, 2013 Board meeting discussion.

10/29/2013 2:07 PM

I got a letter from the board to solicit feedback on the elementary schools. I have been a proponent of closing Meeme and moving the kids to Zielanis. I have heard about the studies of population of children in classrooms and are they correct? Have you (as a board) gone back to previous studies from 10+ years ago and then compare them to what really happened to see if they were right or wrong?

I was in class sizes of 25 to 30 kids when I was in school and it worked for me. How are kids so different from when I grew up? I do not understand why educational leaders now think it was barbaric to have more than 20 kids in a classroom. I personally think the student population will continue to lower as people are moving to larger cities for work and people continue to have fewer children each year. People will also home school more or even do online classes so that will minimize the impact on the actual physical class sizes in the future.

The tax base is older here and we need to do more with less. So please consider closing Meeme and try to incorporate those kids in the current footprint of Zielanis.

Thank you for your time,
Randy Kubetz

Thank you for sharing your perspective. To our knowledge, the population data and historical trends included in the Elementary Comprehensive Study are accurate. The current review of our elementary programming occurs after years of other reductions--all of which seeking the least negative impact on student learning as possible while navigating significant economic changes.

We continue to carefully consider the options and suggestions as we seek to provide students an excellent education. Thank you, again, for contributing your comments and suggestions. I am forwarding your email and my reply for inclusion in our October 30, 2013 Board meeting discussion.

10/30/2013 9:54 AM

Good afternoon. After reading articles in the paper and the letter from KSD this previous week I am compelled to offer my opinion on the school closing decision.

As most of you know 2 of our children are in college, 1 at KHS and 1 at KMS. I have also substitute taught at Zielanis Elementary as well as Meeme Charter School. Both are good structurally sound buildings. I would strongly suggest not going over 20 students in one classroom at the elementary level. You would not be doing justice to any student no matter how good the teacher is. From what I have read, in order to move all students from Meeme to Zielanis it would mean building on to the school. You would also need to retain the same teaching staff. That would therefore be a larger financial burden than keeping Meeme open. If I am reading this incorrectly please let me know. If we approach this as just a financial decision I do not see how you can close Meeme. In years of low enrollment where it would not overburden any class number at Zielanis combine both schools for that year only, but otherwise I feel you need to keep both schools. I have read a another possibility is to have the "at risk" student and special need older students moved to Meeme, but how is that saving money? I don't think that is a good option either.

I again am offering my thoughts just for your information gathering. Good luck with your decision. Thank you for your time.

Jdpreissner

Hi Dan,

I absolutely love thought provoking questions and I am a little embarrassed that I was not able to give you a better answer to your question "why are there not more parents attending the meetings".

I thought about that question a lot last night. I believe part of the reason why you don't have more people at these events is because we have not told anybody that attendance is a measurement of parents interest.

I am happy to get people to attend, but it was always important to the Meeme governing board to be tactful and not be like other outspoken groups.

If gauging importance of Meeme is based on attendance – I will consider that a personal challenge for me to work on, before the next school board meeting.

Thank you for the question – that seems to be what is bothering you and others,

Tim Wasmer

The question simply expressed a desire for community members to personally share their thoughts with the Board instead of relying on others to voice their perspectives. We genuinely desire to hear from community members. We cannot consider their perspectives unless they share with us. Though others attending meetings may possess similar concerns, we encourage community members to speak for themselves so their voice may be heard and they have the opportunity to talk with us directly. We welcome community participation in reviewing the Elementary Comprehensive Study documents and offering potentially viable options we may have missed. Though some scenarios may have been initially considered early in the process, we need to revisit possibilities, consider variations, evaluate costs, and analyze data to assist us in determining the viability of options.

Please encourage others to study all the documents so they have a good understanding of the data and have informed discussions with us as they seek to offer suggestions.

11/4/2013 11:09 AM

My letter was not in the school board handouts for the Wed. meeting the last time I checked. I wanted to resend this to all of you in case you did not receive it.

A few more thoughts, is it possible to continue the Meeme Charter inside of Zielanis? Or would the whole Charter school option dissolve if the schools were combined? Does Zielanis have the ability to pursue grants similar to the Charter schools ability?

(On a side note; all of our grant research, at Meeme, has been put on hold until a final verdict has been reached about the future of the school.)

Would some type of online programming, beyond what is now offered, be an option worth exploring to fill some of the "teacher to student" gaps created with larger class sizes?

Kim Garlieb

Hello KASD School Board,

> First, I would like to thank all of you for your effort and time that has been put into this very difficult decision up to this point. We cannot even imagine how this kind of decision must weigh on all of you, as it does on all of us as well. Also, we are pleased that you have delayed the final decision date for this issue, to acquire more public feedback. This is a complex problem, and does not have a quick easy fix. We would all love it if there was an easy answer, but so far...that is not the case.

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> It seems as if there should be more of an outcry by both Meeme and Zielanis parents voicing their concerns. At the School Board meeting last night, this was brought up again. Many of us have discussed this topic, in efforts to get more people involved. Earlier today, a parent told me, "We feel that you (ie. the Meeme Governing Board) are there on our behalf and I would not want to speak in public like that." While I personally prefer to speak for myself, not everyone is comfortable doing that. Fair enough. It can be intimidating to speak out in that kind of

setting.

> That being said, I have had some practice at speaking out, (maybe sometimes when I shouldn't be ;-}) and will try to do so without causing bad feelings along the way.

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> From all of the information I have read, the root of our problem is really an entire District problem. A decrease in enrollment. This is a problem that can not and will not be fixed overnight. While the study shows a "projected" decline in enrollment, it also shows something else. While no one can predict what will, for certain, happen in the future, we can look at the past. The enrollment history over the past twenty years shows, there is no norm. While there were spikes in the enrollment, there were also sharp declines. No one can predict when that will happen, but we need to be prepared to handle both scenarios. Right now, we are better equipped to handle both of those scenarios with our two Elementary schools. Yes, we would love to see a perfect world of about 17-20 (is it?) students per classroom. Yet, there are going to be some years when the class sizes may be a little above that "ideal" size, and some years where it will be below. However, that does not seem to be out of the "norm" based on our history of class sizes.

> Perhaps, there may be a better way to manage the equalization of students (between the two schools) entering the District at the 4K level and alleviate some of this pain for future classes.....?

> I realize Meeme is a school that parents need to "choose" to send their kids to. (Because of the Charter status). However, informing parents of their options does not take away their ability to choose either school.

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> We do need to address a very real concern of shrinking enrollment. While we are taking some steps toward trying to fix that problem within Meeme, it is bigger than just "our" problem. We all need to be part of the solution, or we are part of the problem. We have to act like grown ups, and work together. We have two great options within our District that parents may send their children to. That is how we need to treat this. Both schools are and can be wonderful opportunities for enrolling families and potentially new families at either of our Elementary schools. In order to be the District of choice, there need to be positive options for families to choose KASD. Taking away some of the options we now offer, may make our District less appealing to some people.

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> As I said before, this can not and will not happen overnight. Yet, I truly do believe we can make this work. With our community to support us, if we make an effort as a team (not Meeme vs. Zielanis), and accept we have a "District wide" enrollment issue, we can work through tough times and come out stronger in the end.

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> Please, anyone out there reading this, encourage more parents to make comments! They may not be the same, but that is ok!!!! We need people to talk, and come up with solutions. Talk here, where you can make a difference. 8 ~ }

> Thank you for your time.

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> Kim Garlieb

11/6/2013 7:59 AM

After reading the comprehensive study for the elementary school, I am in favor of scenario #3 which would close Meeme school and relocate those students to Kiel. It appears that new construction is not currently needed at Zielanis with the addition of the extra students, and if enrollment does increase in the years ahead, I would favor adding classrooms at that time. The proceeds from the sale of the Meeme school could be used for future construction. Thank you for allowing my input.

Guy Grube

Dear Mr. Grube,

Thank you very much for taking time to review the comprehensive study and share your perspective. As you know, the current review of our elementary programming occurs after years of other reductions--all of which seeking the least negative impact on student learning as possible while navigating significant economic changes.

We continue to carefully consider the options and suggestions as we seek to provide students an excellent education. Thank you, again, for contributing your comments and suggestions. I am forwarding your email and my reply for inclusion in our November 20, 2013 Board meeting discussion.

11/7/2013 3:02 PM

Hi Louise-

I hope you are having a great Friday, and that you have a super weekend. I just wanted to weigh in on the Elementary Schools issue. My kids all attended Meeme, and so I need to just share my thoughts on the issue. I would love to see our district pursue keeping Meeme a viable part of KASD, especially if it would mean having to add on to Zielanis to be able to house all of Kiel's elementary age students. I understand the financial constraints the district faces each year at budget time, but if adding on to Zielanis to take the Meeme students is what we are looking at, then I would love to see Meeme stay open at least a couple more years until other options can be looked at more in depth. Meeme was an amazing school when my children were there, and I know you have probably heard that from a number of people. Because of its size, it is what education should be at the elementary level for all students. I guess my hope, in the end, is that the district will listen carefully and seriously to the Meeme Governing board because I feel those are the people who will have the best ideas about what to do with Meeme. I understand budget constraints need to be taken in to consideration, but the Governing Board realizes that too. Thanks, Louise, and have a great weekend! Karen Groth

Mike, please forward to the board. We sent our first daughter to Meemee and believe that she received an excellent education there. She really benefitted from the small class, small school size, unique personal attention and specialized teaching methods. She is an avid reader and enjoys school (currently in 7th grade). We chose to send our second child to 5K at Meeme for these same reasons. We feel that Meeme has not been well marketed to the community and surrounding area as many people we talk to do not know that Meeme is a charter school and are not aware of the awards it and its teachers have received. To give it a fair chance to improve enrollment we feel that it would need to remain open in its current state (individual grades kept separate). Frankly, if grades 1 - 3 are combined with almost 60 students and 2 teachers it is highly unlikely that we will send our daughter back next year. I feel combining these grades with that many students would adversely affect her education. I'm not sure why those grades were selected as combining 4&5K seems more appropriate. I would love to send her back to Meeme but not into that situation.

Please forgive any typos in the above as I'm typing this on my phone. Feel free to respond with any questions, points of clarification or comments.

Jodi Crom

11/18/2013 11:27 AM

Thank you for sharing your concerns. You raise very relevant and important points which we, too, weigh heavily into our deliberations. I believe most, if not all, your concerns have been reviewed and discussed over the course of the comprehensive study. Our primary focus has been and continues to be providing the best possible opportunities for our students.

We continue to carefully consider the options and suggestions as we seek to provide our students an excellent education. Thank you for emphasizing your concerns regarding class size and combined grades at Meeme. Your concerns have been included for discussion at tonight's meeting.

Hi Cynthia,

First, it's been a long time, but I see you are still President of the School Board, so you must be very busy. :)

In response to the letter we received, I would definitely hate to see Meeme School closed. I agree with a few of the comments in the survey that maybe they could consider moving more grade levels to Meeme, i.e., K4 through Grade 4/5/6. The country school atmosphere, I believe, is an asset to those parents living nearby.

Please pass along my concerns to KEEP MEEME SCHOOL OPEN.

Thanks for listening, and I hope you and your family have a nice Thanksgiving and Christmas (both coming up so fast, right?).

Sincerely,
Karen Van De Loo

Hi Karen!

Yes, it certainly has been a long time! I often think of our time working together on the Board...seems like yesterday, yet it seems so long ago!

Thank you for sharing your thoughts with respect to the Elementary Comprehensive Study. Thank you, also, for reviewing the documentation and identifying the options you consider most appropriate for Meeme Leads. Our primary focus has been and continues to be providing the best possible opportunities for our students. Certainly, the current review of our elementary programming occurs after years of other reductions--all of which purposed to make the least impact as possible on students while navigating significant economic changes.

We continue to carefully consider the options and suggestions as we seek to provide our students an excellent education. Thank you for emphasizing your concerns to keep Meeme school open. I am forwarding your email and my reply for inclusion in our Board meeting discussions.

I trust everything continues to be well with you and your family!

11/20/2013 3:14 PM

As concerned citizens of the KASD , we want to thank you for your service as a school board member and your desire for community input. Concerning our elementary schools, we sincerely hope Meeme Elementary remains a quality, educational opportunity for the children of the Kiel area school district. Thank you. Gary and Sharon Mueller

Thank you for taking time to share your thoughts regarding the Elementary Comprehensive study. We appreciate your input and welcome additional insight into this very important decision.

We plan to thoroughly discuss the options during our meeting on Wednesday. Thank you, again, for sharing your concerns. I am forwarding your email and my reply for inclusion in our December 4, 2013 Board meeting discussion.

As a Kiel resident and former Kiel High School graduate, we vote to maintain and keep Meeme School open instead of building on Zielanis to accommodate needs to consolidate.

Thank you. Ken & Sue Sell

Thank you for sharing your thoughts with respect to the Elementary Comprehensive Study. We plan to thoroughly discuss the options during our meeting on Wednesday. Thank you, again, for sharing your concerns. I am forwarding your email and my reply for inclusion in our December 4, 2013 Board meeting discussion.

I have reviewed the material in the Elementary Comprehensive Study.

My choice would be to try to work out a scenario to keep the Meeme Leads School operating. I would be in favor of scenarios 5 or 7. I don't like the idea of closing Meeme and then having to add additional rooms to Zielanis. It also doesn't make much sense to bus all the small kids from the east end of the district to Kiel and then bus all the higher grade kids from Kiel out to Meeme. Also, it would be a shame to abandon the Meeme Leads School program which has been successful.

Thank you for your time and efforts on this challenging project.

Sincerely
Brian Kraemer, Chairman
Town of Centerville

Thank you for taking time to review the study and share your thoughts. You raise very relevant and important points which we, too, weigh heavily into our deliberations.

We plan to thoroughly discuss the options during our meeting on Wednesday. Thank you, again, for sharing your concerns. I am forwarding your email and my reply for inclusion in our December 4, 2013 Board meeting discussion.

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