

Is a Dues Restructure Feasible for META?

META - District or Group Memberships:

DRAFT-Tentative Proposal might simply look like this:

Individual Joint Membership – META/CoSN = \$250 a member up to two members (\$500) per district; additional memberships are \$100 per person within a district.

- Last year membership total = 107
- Breakdown of META Dues per Member - \$250 = \$160 SAM Fee + \$10 SAM Youth Endowment + \$80 META/CoSN payment
- Fee to CoSN = \$8635 (takes 108 META memberships to pay CoSN in full)
- What would be the projected total of members with revision of dues and how many at the \$100 dues rate?

Considerations:

PROS:

- CoSN memberships that includes an institution format where other SAM members (School Leaders) can join CoSN under the umbrella of a META member's paid membership.
- META can expand membership without harm to the average number of members and average amount of dues taken in per year – the hope is to actually add more members and more dues revenue.
- The national organization of CoSN does not offer protective benefits such as liability or legal defense fund like other national organizations; more of a resource and professional learning connection. This establishes a possible defense reasoning to why other affiliates could not look at a dues restructuring similar to this – precedence. (need to be very aware of this in protection of the SAM umbrella organization).

CONS:

- SAM Administrative Fee = \$160 per member
- Precedence (as eluded to in pros above) – Districts pay full price for each member of their school leadership – ex. Billings pays full price for dues for each of their 57 administrators. Will this call into question the dues structure for SAM members/affiliates as a whole?
- Will META actually gain from a dues revision that might look like the above proposal? And how much as far as membership numbers and dues revenue?

Changes to Book Keeping:

- An institutional style online renewal form and invoicing would be used for those districts or companies that would have 3 or more members.