

## 24/25 SY Community Advisory Meeting

### Meeting Notes for 5/13/25

Present: Nancy Tsai, Bea Clark, Cecilia Granados, Mr. Truc Chau, Gabriel Issa, Mac Pham

#### Agenda Items:

- Graduation - <https://santateresahigh.esuhd.org/student-life/graduation>
  - Families can park on the Legacy Christian School's lot (Lean & Allegan)
  - Glider (OGSD) - call to ask if the lot can be open the day of
  - Calero
- Summer School: 6/20 - 7/18, 200 students, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- 25/26 SY Activities Calendar is still in the works but the link to the Field Usage Plan will be updated on this document soon.
- No other school improvement projects are scheduled for the year
- Meeting for the [25/26 SY](#) will be calendared in and invites will go out soon

### Meeting Notes for 3/11/25

Present: Nancy Tsai (via Zoom), Mr. Crisanto, Bea Clark, Gary Paulson, Jeff Francisco, Cecilia Granados

#### Agenda Items:

- Graduation - Granados will share out as soon as we hear from PA
- Stadium lights have not been on so much - spring sports are around the corner
- Music in the Parks (indoors) - no outdoor performances. Nothing set in stone yet, but the schedule may change for next year.
- Crab Feed - send out flyer/reminder to CAC members (date?)
- Attendance - 95%
- Concerns - lights being on a lot in the past. Bea emailed Granados and PA during a rainy day when the lights were on, but it was learned that there was a soccer game.
- Organization (MVLA) will not be using our fields during the weekend. A new conversation will be had next school year. We will look into the fees they are charging participants.
- Watering - sprinklers are on after rain - timers?

- Lights being on when no one is on the field - timers?
- Drop off/pick off time - busy time, cars double parked.
- Website - update CAC meeting time (should be 5pm)
- Next meeting's calendar invite has been sent

### **Important Updates**

- Our Football Coach and School & Parent Liaison, Mr. Papin, was picked to coach the Santa Clara County Charlie Wedemeyer All Star Football game on February 1, 2025. He will be using our football field for the dates listed below. Lights will be off soon after 8:30 p.m.
  - Jan 17 - 6:30-8:30
  - Jan 20 - 6:30-8:30
  - Jan 24 - 6:30-8:30
  - Jan 27 - 6:30-8:30
  - Jan 28 - 6:30-8:30
  - Jan 31 - 6:30-8:30
  - Feb 1 - 1:00-4:00

### **Meeting Notes for 11/12/2024**

Present: Nancy Tsai, Cecilia Granados, Gabriel Issa

#### **Agenda Items:**

- Field usage calendar has been updated w/ new events/dates (times for after school events will be added this week and any weekend events (rentals) will be confirmed)
- Graduation most likely will be on campus - Wed., June 4th 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

## **GRADUATION 2025**

**We are bringing it back home to Santa Teresa!**

**Place: Santa Teresa High School Football Stadium**

**Date/Time: Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at 5:30 PM.**

**Stay tuned for more details.**

- Noise level - possibly during spirit week. Gabriel contacted PA about louder than usual 9/19/24.

- Can we confirm that the system is preprogrammed to not go over a specific noise level?
- Are the speakers on the stadium facing home or guest stands? If facing home, that might reduce the noise level reaching homes.

[Ticket to IT has been submitted. We'll share out info on this once we hear back.](#)

[Response from district staff:](#)

Nosie levels are set and marked on the mixer. Staff controls the volume. This can be turn down if there is an issue with the volume.

- Nancy shared suggestions around parking for graduation. She looked into logistics (she's walking to campus w/ her family). If traffic is a concern, can we have volunteers parking on the street? That will open up space in the parking lots for families attending the event.
  - Can students/families take pictures on the main campus after graduation?  
[We'll have a final answer by the end of Feb.](#)
- No change - we are not renting to the fields during the weekends
- Band - we talked about some of their events

## **Meeting Notes for 8/13/2024**

Present: Michael Payne-Alex, Bea Clark, Gary Paulson, Gabriel Issa, Mac Pham, ASB

Reps: Arya Kumar Choudhary, Marcus Mendiola, Cecilia Granados

### **Agenda Items:**

- Theft - athletics/field
  - Football game - 8/29
  - Geo location - we'll look into it, check w/ the detective involved
  - Cameras - will be getting new ones installed
- Back to School Night - 9/4/24
- Homecoming Rally - moving to earlier times (4-7pm)
- Weekend field use
  - Renters - none
  - School Activities - see Field Usage Plan
    - We will add times to this document
    - Add any/all field events (inc. rentals)

- Info from Gary - a community member started a petition to get band practice indoors. Gary did not sign the petition. The petition did not make it to Bea's home, so it might have not gotten a lot of support.
- Concern - Pool party? July 19th
  - Loud music all summer
  - Check with AD's
- Next Meeting: Oct. 8th

### **Meeting Notes for 5/14/2024**

Present: Michael Payne-Alex, Bea Clark, Gary Paulson, Gabriel Issa, Jeff Francisco, Judy Scally, Becky Burnett

[Notes by the Principal]

I shared the Field Usage Plan at the top of this sheet, and Bea asked that we add times to all the events. I will do that.

Concerns:

Find out what counsel said about the agreements/by-laws. I reported that I've been told that we can rent the field on Saturdays. People asked for more detail, and I said there was none, only that we are okayed to rent on Saturdays. Sundays were a hard no.

Bea then shared information about Ed Code on rentals highlighted in the website below:

<https://codes.findlaw.com/ca/education-code/edc-sect-38134/>

The main issue highlighted in this page is this passage:

D. A recreational youth sports league that charges participants no more than a nominal fee. As used in this subparagraph, "nominal fee" means an average of no more than sixty dollars (\$60) per month.

I then sent an email to the district to ask for their guidance in response to this Ed Code.

As of now, and probably forever, the answer looks like a no for rentals on Saturday. I promise to notify folks in advance if I find that rental is possible (again), and we will plan a meeting that works for most folks.

Next year's meetings will be on Tuesday, August 13 at 5:00. We will then go the second Tuesday of each month (9/10, 10/8, 11/12, 12/10, 1/14, 2/11, 3/11, 4/8, 5/13)

[CAC Documents](#)

[Field Usage Plan](#)

[Site Calendar w/ Details](#)

## Meeting Notes for 4/25/2024

Present: Michael Payne-Alex, Nancy Tsai (ST parent), Bea Clark, Gary Paulson, Gabriel Issa, Jeff Francisco, Lee Wasserm (MVLA), Emily Saole, Judy Scally, Jody Washington (MVLA), Connie Paulson, Becky Burnett, Anna Silva

Agenda: [Notes by Michael Payne-Alex, Principal]

Review and discuss proposals to rent the soccer and football fields for youth soccer.

I opened the meeting discussing the concerns that the neighbors raised about feeling blindsided at the last meeting by the soccer proposal.

I then asked the soccer folks to present the minimum time they would need to use the field. They said they would meet the needs of the community. When I asked what the typical use would look like. Jody reported that it would be about 100 people per game, so it would be far less traffic than a weekday even with two to four games going at the same time. It was later noted that our parking lot by the stadium holds 500 cars.

Fall season goes from the end of August through early December. Spring season goes from the beginning of March through Memorial Day. Judy asked where they currently play and Lee said that they share a field by the YMCA on Santa Teresa, at the field by Target on Cottle, at a club downtown. Lee then noted that one of the concerns that was raised was about keeping "riff raff" off of the fields by occupying it with kids playing soccer.

The neighborhood representatives expressed the perspective that the agreement was put into place with hard work and long negotiation and that compromise really just means convincing them to give things up. They expressed the opinion that they don't want to risk opening the fields as that is too likely to be a slippery slope.

I interrupted Lee when she was talking about what having the rentals could mean for the school. [I didn't say that I understood that and appreciated it, but I pointed out that it might be good for the soccer league to offer what it could do for the community. Lee noted that maybe kids and/or families could do some litter patrol or some other type of service in the community.

Gabriel raised the idea that the school wouldn't make money on the rentals. Later, I noted that the school and district actually would get income in the short term but that it would also cause a lot of wear and tear that the district would have to deal with.

Lee shared that she had heard from many parents, and this sentiment was echoed by Emily, about their frustration with the committee not approving things that were good for kids. She noted that there were far more people who wanted the school and community to have more

access to the fields for students and children in the community, so the agreement needs to be changed.

It became clear that we were at an impasse, so I adjourned the meeting and said that I would do my best to get an update to the group by May 8, so everyone would have time to think about things prior to the next meeting on May 14.

#### Meeting Notes for 3/21/2024

Present: Michael Payne-Alex, Gary Paulson, Cecilia Granados, Izzac Khayo, Jeff Francisco, Bea Clark, Lee Wassem, Jodi Washington, Gabriel Issa, Irving Crisanto

#### Agenda:

Check in about all future meetings. May 14.

Check-in about concerns.

- Izzac brought up concerns about the building across the street on Snell Ave.
- Gary brought up the proposed development on the Glider property.
- Bea brought up the need for a calendar with rental reservations.
- Jodie Washington and Lee Wassem, from MVLA, brought up the desire to give organizations the opportunity to use exterior spaces (fields).
- We listened to their proposal to bring soccer to ST to support kids who will be coming to ST. They brought up the point that the rental can bring money into the school. Michael noted that the cost is about a break even based on the wear and tear on the fields and especially the restroom facilities.

- Michael is suggesting that he will reach out to the district to look into how we might renegotiate the agreement in a way that will be fair and could help find a way to get some field usage on Saturdays. He will reach out to facilities and the Superintendent's office to see if we can find some compromise for occasional use.

Go over recent activities

Fantastics Rally was in the gym on March 15. Outdoor practices took place throughout campus for the month of February. How did that go for the neighbors?

Car Show that was tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 23rd has been canceled.

Music in the Parks will be April 20th through May 18 on Saturdays in the gym, theater, and the MPR. Bands warming up will be in the center of campus and in rooms.

Baseball games are on the school calendar with times and whether they are varsity or junior varsity, but here are the dates.

Baseball League Games:

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Softball League Games:

3/13, 3/15, 3/20, 3/22, 3/27, 3/29, 4/3, 4/5, 4/10, 4/12, 4/17, 4/19, 4/24, 4/26, 5/1, 5/3, 5/8, 5/10

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Meeting Notes for 1/8/2024

Present: Michael Payne-Alex, Gary Paulson, Irving Crisanto, Gabriel Issa

Agenda:

Check in about all future meetings. March 21 and May 14.

Check-in about concerns.

Michael asked about weekend activity, specifically if anyone has seen any organized groups. Gary and Gabriel reported that it only seems like folks hopping the fence like usual. No large groups.

Michael asked about lights during the week and folks said there was no noticeable

Music Marathon is on March 1 in the theater and in the MPR. Outdoor activities will be in the quad and will be booths to sell items and food.

Crab Feed is off site on March 9 at the Terrace in Willow Glen.

Car Show is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 23rd. It would be in the parking lot. As of right now, this is only tentative planned by the Athletic Boosters.

Fantastics Rally will be in the gym on March 15. Outdoor practices will take place throughout campus for the month of February. We will keep the practices toward the center of campus.

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After the meeting, Ms. Granados let me know that we had a request for a soccer tournament on Saturday 1/27/2024. She will be emailing the CAC for approval.

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### Meeting Notes for 12/7/2023

Present: Michael Payne-Alex, Bea Clark, Gary Paulson, Irving Crisanto, Gabriel Issa

Agenda:

Follow up to band:

Marching band season is over. I did have to speak to the percussion section in November, as they were practicing near the snack shack instead of inside the campus as was agreed. Going forward, both for winter percussion and next year's marching band, the expectation is that the percussion section, especially the battery/drumline, will practice on the west side of the 600 building facing Snell Avenue.

Construction: target for completion is June 24, 2024

Bea brought up the fact that the lights have been on every night. What is the practice schedule?

Bea brought up the fact that the fields should not be used on Saturdays without checking with the CAC. Therefore, we cannot rent the fields on Saturday without bringing the dates to the CAC.

Future events:

All school events can be seen on the school calendar on the [school website](#).

The home soccer schedule is on the website, but these are the dates:

### Boys' Soccer

12/1 Milpitas @ ST, JV-5, V-7

12/5 Design Tech @ ST, V-5

12/7 Silver Creek @ ST, JV-5, V-7

12/9 Monte Vista Christian @ ST, JV-10, V-12

12/14 Gilroy @ ST, JV-4:30, V-6

1/11 Christopher @ ST, JV-5, V-7

1/16 Sobrato @ ST, JV-5, V-7

1/18 Evergreen @ ST, JV-5, V-7

1/25 Live Oak @ ST, JV-5, V-7

2/8 Andrew Hill @ ST, JV-5, V-7

### Girls' Soccer

Tue 11/28 Latino College Prep @ ST varsity-6pm

Thur 11/30 Presentation, JV home @5, varsity away @ 3:15

Wed 12/6 Evergreen @ ST, JV-5, V-7

Tue 12/12 Silver Creek @ ST, JV-5, V-7

Tue 12/19 South San Francisco @ ST, JV-5, V-7

Fri 1/12 James Lick @ ST, JV-5, V-7

Wed 1/17 Willow Glen @ ST, JV-5, V-7

Fri 1/19 Westmont @ ST, JV-5, V-7

Fri 1/26 Prospect @ ST, JV-5, V-7

Fri 2/9 Independence @ ST, JV-5, V-7

Fantastics practices will be held outdoors from February 5th through March 15. The rally will be in the gym on 3/15.

Next meeting on February,

Present: Andrea Pieper, William Piper, Michael Payne-Alex, Cecilia Granados, Irving Crisanto, Bea Clark, Gary Paulson, Jacob Ramsin,

Big events are next week: Homecoming Rally - (on football field) Thursday, 10/26, 6:00-9:00 pm; Football game (last regular home game) - Friday, 10/27, 4:30-10:00 pm; Homecoming Dance - (in MPR) Saturday, 10/28, 7:00-10:00 pm

Remaining Marching Band schedule:

Weekday rehearsals:

Thursday, November 2 is family and friends night for band. CAC members are invited to attend.

Monday & Thursday

4:30-7:30

Saturday Practices:

October 21 9:00-5:00

October 28 9:00-5:00

Competitions (Include some Saturday Practice):

November 4 - Independence 9:00-12:00

November 11 - James Logan 9:00-12:00

November 18 - Championships 9:00-12:00

Going forward, we will move sectionals, especially drumline to the center of campus and if Winter Percussion comes back, we will find space away from the property boundaries. We are also going to check with the decibel meter for the actual sound levels. All members of the CAC are invited to attend any concert or sporting event any time.

Next meeting will be on Thursday, Dec 7, 2023

Meeting notes on 2-25-2020

Present: Gabriel Issa, Jeff Francisco, Marissa Mabinag, Bea Clark, Gary Paulson

- Michael reported that the DJ at the Homecoming Rally did not have decibel measuring equipment, and we would like to have that next year, and perhaps use a sound test with neighbors to make sure that the decibel limit is okay via feedback via cell phone.
- Light usage during football and soccer seasons:
  - Feedback is that the lights were noticeable but not an issue.
  - The sound is more noticeable than the lights; the announcer's words can be heard very clearly on Suisse.

- Sound awareness: the sound from ST reverberates off of the foothills and really washes over the homes on Suisse.
- The strip along Santa Teresa by the fence looks very nice after the clean up of weeds and trash.
- Some neighbors are concerned about the remaining large pines behind the baseball scoreboard. Michael will look into getting them looked at preventatively.
- Marissa shared that FANTASTIKS will be on Friday, 3/13 in the gym. All are invited. Marissa also noted that the Talent Show happened a couple of weeks ago, and it went well.
- Michael will review the templates that Gabriel sent to see about using them for agendas that include links.
- Crab Feed Saturday February 29th. <https://www.stabc.org/>
- Reminder again that we want to get the dates for athletics and next year's calendar ASAP and no later than at the 5/19 meeting.
- The next meetings are 4/28, and 5/19. We will work to get the meetings on the same week of the month for next year.
- Note: (schedule these meetings into the calendar first).
- There is a lot of concern about students crossing the streets, especially on Snell Avenue. Michael noted that a student was hit on Snell a month ago but is going to be okay. We have refilled the Campus Monitor position and hope to have that person patrol on Snell. We will also ask SJPD and/or Community Service Officers come and have a presence periodically. Bea suggested asking if we can have parent volunteers come and watch the sidewalks and wave folks along.
- CAC information needs to be updated on the website.

How things are going?

Agreed to keep the dates for the rest of the CAC meetings as suggested by Dr. Rhone-Lay. They are 2/25, 4/28, and 5/19. We will work to get the meetings on the same week of the month for next year.

Note: (schedule these meetings first).

Reminder also, that we would like to review events for the for 2020-2021 calendar as soon as possible and no later than the meeting on 5/19.

Francisco would like to see readings from the decibel meter Mrs. Mazzella used at the Homecoming Rally.

Would like to have updates on school events, especially things that impact the neighborhood, ideally, sent via the email list, so we can go over events that are coming up at each meeting.

We should also note any changes that happen to scheduled activities during the year, particularly in regard to the use of lights and organized. We need to get activities calendars for March, April, May, and June. They were never published at the end of the last year.

Would like to evaluate the usage of fields and how it goes this year at all meetings.

Get athletic schedules as soon as possible to share with CAC.