

Information Technology Advisory Committee

February 23, 2026, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Microsoft Teams Meeting



Meeting Notes

Call to Order: 4:35

Present	Seat	Name	Present	Seat	Name
	St1	Gavan Bess	x	S1	James Brook
x	St2	Rafael Brewer	x	S2	Kendra Beseler
	St3		x	S3	Eric Ramsey
	St4	David Nguyen	x	S4	Jonathan Fox
x	C1	Wacarra Yeomans	x	S5	Kathleen Daspit
x	C2	Kiley Riffell		S6	Timothy Johnson
x	C3	Michelle Tanco		S7	Sarah Werner
x	C4	Sarah Ramsay		S8	April Mardock
x	C5	Jo Hemmerlein		SA1	
	C6	Daniel Tobin		SA2	
	C7	Nicole Buckenwolf			
	C8	Clayton Hamilton			
	CA1	Michael Kollins			
	CA2	Brady Dibble			
	Chair			Co-Chair	
		Other Staff: James Rigert, Robert Cook, Brian Day, Judie Jaeger, Debra Knickerbocker			***Key: (C) Community, (St) Student, (S) SPS Staff

- A committee member motioned to approve the February 23, 2026 ITAC Agenda. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- A committee member motioned to approve January 20, 2026 ITAC meeting minutes. Jo noted a correction regarding missing fields for chair and co-chair in the minutes. There was a motion to approve corrected minutes and it was seconded and no objections were raised.

Budget

Mr. Del Valle went over the latest budget. Carlos presented a detailed budget report covering expenditures from January 1 to February 17, discussed the breakdown of costs committee members, and gathered feedback on improving future budget reporting for clarity and consistency. He also provided an overview of expenditures, including \$1 million in services contracts, \$3.2 million in subscription fees, staff expenses, technology and equipment purchases, and telecommunications upgrades, totaling approximately \$9.4 million for the period.

When asked about the \$2 million in staff expenses, Mr. Del Valle clarified that it covers salaries and benefits for about 134 employees, with transfers for salaries occurring quarterly rather than monthly. Mr. Del Valle also stated he would work with our Budget Analyst to implement

fixed reporting periods and to include more detailed breakdowns in the future budget reports with month-to-month analysis.

AI Guardrails for Safety and Security

Mr. Del Valle led a comprehensive discussion with committee members on proposed AI guardrails for safety and security systems, covering acceptable uses, privacy, data sovereignty, legal compliance, transparency, and community feedback. He explained the intent to gather community, staff, and family perspectives on the use of AI in safety and security, emphasizing transparency, trust, and the need for clear policies as technology evolves. One of the discussions was how AI could be used for object detection to improve incident responses but emphasized that AI can't replace human judgement or operate without oversight and must not be used for autonomous enforcement or student identification.

There was concern raised about video data around where it is stored, who has access, how data sharing agreements with vendors protect privacy and limit external access. It was noted there is current and pending state legislation restricting facial recognition and predictive profiling, and the need for policies that align with legal requirements and community expectations.

Mr. Del Valle collected feedback on the proposed guardrails, including suggestions to clarify language, ensure transparency, and share data protection agreements with ITAC.

Digital Learning Manager Debra Knickerbocker and others discussed the separate handling of AI use in academic settings, with Debra outlining ongoing efforts to promote AI literacy among students and plans to engage staff and librarians in developing educational resources. She described current and planned initiatives to increase AI literacy for high school students, including resources on the website and collaboration with librarians and teacher groups to clarify the educational use of AI.

Committee members asked about the next steps for the AI guardrails discussion, and Mr. Del Valle confirmed that feedback will be reviewed with the security team and leadership, with follow-up and policy updates to be communicated to the group. He also stated that the input from the meeting will inform ongoing conversations with security staff and leadership, and any policy changes or answers to outstanding questions will be brought back to the group in future meetings.

Open Comments

No open comments

Meeting adjourned at 5:28PM. The next meeting will be held on March 16, 2026.

