The March 17, 2021, Design Team meeting began with an outstanding presentation by an impressive SUSD student organization, Sisters in STEM, followed by a Q&A session. This Saguaro High School student-led group hosts workshops, camps, and other engaging events for students of all ages who share an interest in science.

Next, we watched a video featuring the late Sir Ken Robinson, titled The Power of Imagination. We followed the video with a discussion regarding the shifts that need to occur in education to truly prepare students to be future-ready. Because the Design Team members recognize that many of these shifts will require a different approach in the way we think about teaching, learning, and leading, we examined the thoughts of Dr. Otto Scharmer from MIT and his Awareness-Based Change model.

During our final breakout session, we focused on feedback regarding the vision statements previously suggested. Following the meeting, the Design Team also posted questions on ThoughtExchange regarding the concepts, phrases and/or words members of the community would like to see included in the SUSD vision and mission statements. This discussion will continue during the March 31 Design Team meeting.