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Mentor Visit Assessment #4

The goal of today's mentor visit was to talk with some new people about my final product and about the projects they are working on at the firm. I always love to see how the products that Corgan is working on can correlate to what I am working on, even when they have very little in common.

Today I visited the Frisco Corgan office. I met first with Miss Angie Stutman who is an interior designer on the team. She is currently working on some elementary schools with the Carrollton Farmers Branch Independent School District. She said that half of the schools are being turned into Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (or STEM) type schools, while the other half of the schools are being turned into performing arts type schools. I thought this was amazing, because I've never heard of an elementary school specialising like this before. Part of me thinks that it is a great idea, very innovative, but the other part of me thinks that maybe this is going a little too far. Carrollton Farmers Branch is trying to keep people from moving out of the school district, so this is how they are striving to resolve this issue. Nevertheless, I thought it

would be interesting to learn more about these renovations since that have a lot to do with my final product.

Angie also shared with me a little bit about a project that she is working on in Coppell. This project is getting new desks and chairs, which she showed me. Angie said that the chairs and desks they were going to get from the furniture company were not as impressive as the chairs and desks on the Steelcase website. The furniture on that site looked very clean and modern. She even said that there is the ability to download Revit models of the furniture from the website. I thought that that was very helpful information to utilise in college when I am working on projects for architecture school.

When Angie left, I talked to Brett Sumrow, who I've actually met with before, as well as Bobby Lajoie. I showed them the sketches that I have worked on so far for my final product. I only have two buildings mostly sketched, with the beginnings of two others (which are basically the same building, as they're both dorm buildings.) I asked Brett Sumrow and Bobby Lajoie what software I should use to possibly make an online model of my plans. They said that Google SketchUp would be easier to use than Revit, but Revit would show cleaner and more professional floor plans than Google SketchUp. They also suggested on focusing on one building in depth, to the level that I have been doing so far, and making a site plan for the rest of the buildings, as this is what is done on college campuses. Melissa High School is another campus that Corgan is working on and it will eventually have five buildings, although, it currently only has two and a half.

Going forward, I plan on taking Brett and Bobby's advice to focus mostly on one building first. I think the building that I will focus on will be the Fine Arts classroom

building. I have a lot of great ideas for that building including several collaborative spaces and even a rooftop garden. I also hope to be able to include a furniture package option with the finished product.