



Lester B. Pearson High School
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GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES

Date: Monday, May 9, 2016

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Library

Attendees:

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Joe Biunno
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*Daina Fonicolo**
Casey Gagné
Renée Hardy
Natasha Krsteski

Stephania Mambro
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