



Originally from Edmonton, Canada, Shane Kells grew up in many small communities throughout Alberta. Shane's father was a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and that saw his family move often during his early life. Shane went to five Elementary Schools, and who knows, maybe part of that transitory upbringing has to do with his eventual life path in teaching overseas.

After High School, Shane attended the University of Alberta, graduating with Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education degrees and began his teaching career in Canada. After six years, he was granted a leave of absence to take an overseas position in Bangkok. That was 1996.

He has been in education for the past 30 years, 24 overseas (Thailand, UAE, China, Korea, India, Jamaica), 19 as an administrator and 13 as a Head of School (Utahloy International School Zeng-Cheng, Canadian International School, Bangalore, American International School of Kingston).

His wife, Melanie, is an IB MYP Science and IGCSE/IB DP Chemistry teacher; his son, Spenser is in his second year at university in Canada; and his daughter, Braelyn is in Grade 7. They have lived as a family in diverse international communities for the past 20 plus years and are well aware of the enormous benefits that are inherent in multicultural communities. As an educational leader, as a father and as a husband, he would fully embrace the challenge of leading International School of Riga, with its distinctive learning environment and commitment to diversity and inclusivity, into its next phase.